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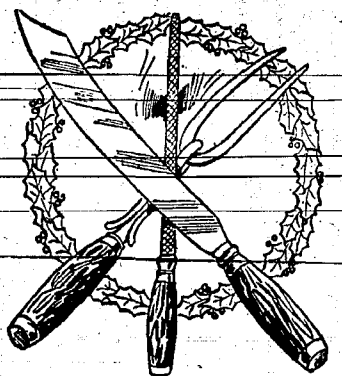
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Patronize the Merchants that Advertise, and tell them you saw their ad in the Avalanche—it identifies you.

School Notes

The human race is governed by its imagination.—Napoleon.

According to one of the Senior History students Patrick Henry was rather long lived as he was a leader in the anti-slavery campaign.

Webster pays such strict attention to his own business that some of the science students seem to have forgotten that he occupies a seat in the front of the assembly room.

The 7th. A Arithmetic is having great fun playing with blocks under pretense of figuring out areas of solids.

The High school has several new yells and songs with which it hopes to cheer the teams on, to even greater success than they achieved last season.

If the Junior's go in the hole this year giving their "Hop," they expect the orchestra will be able to fish them out as they are all "Fisher" men.

The third victory of this season was won by the High school boys from the veterans with a score of 19-20. The stars from the teams of the last decade played on the All City team, but every man of the High school team outplayed his opponent.

The High school Orchestra's books have arrived and work has begun under supervision of Band Master Clark.

Mary Pickford because of a special request made by the Junior class will visit the Grayling Opera house shortly after the holidays.

For two days the 7th. A Geography class was the scene of some lively discussions about conditions and the probable effects upon the Geography of the future.

Margaret Graham has received a mark of 100% in spelling every day this month.

If anyone has a sure cure for vacation fever I am sure that it would be greatly appreciated by the faculty as well as by the students.

Through the efforts of the High school body it is expected that the honor system will be established in the beginning of the new school year.

The College algebra class is studying probability and chance. They expect to determine the Kaiser's chances of ever negotiating with any of allied powers.

May Spear Thru Ice in Portage Lake.

In reply to a petition sent the State Game department at Lansing last week, requesting that spearing pike be allowed thru the ice in Portage lake, Commissioner John Baird writes as follows: December, 18, 1917. Mr. O. P. Schumann, The Crawford Avalanche, Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Sir: I have your letter of November 15th enclosing petition, relative to the permitting of spearing through the ice in Portage lake in your county during the months of December 1917 and January and February 1918.

I am writing to advise you that two years ago, when the compilation of game and fish laws was made the Attorney General held that the local act had been superseded by the general law, and therefore it has not been published in the game and fish laws since that time. Therefore the general law provides that all kinds of fish, except black bass and trout, may be taken through the ice with a spear during the months of January and February in each year and that five ice-lites may be used for the purpose of taking all kinds of fish, except black bass and trout, during the months of December, January and February in each year. As the general law controls at this time any one would have the privilege of using as above during the months of January and February 1918 and may use five ice-lites during the months of December, January and February.

Very truly yours,
John Baird,
Commissioner.

A WOMAN'S BACK.

The Advice of This Grayling Woman is of Certain Value.

Many a woman's back has many aches and pains.

Often it's the kidneys' fault.

That's why Doan's Kidney Pills are so effective.

Many Grayling women know this.

Read what one has to say about it.

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Price 60 cents, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Mosher had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs. Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

RELIEF SPEEDED TO HALIFAX

TWO SPECIAL RED CROSS TRAINS CARRY SUCCOR TO VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Physicians and Nurses Mobilized; Situation is in Hand

Washington.—Two special Red Cross trains carrying the personnel and equipment of an entire base hospital unit, with additional doctors, nurses and social workers, foodstuffs, bedding, clothing and surgical supplies, were rushed through the city of Halifax. Special arrangements for their prompt movement was made by the railroads over which they passed.

The two trains were made up of five coaches each. One left from Boston and the other from New York. The base hospital unit was on the Boston train.

In addition that train carried a special medical unit of 25 doctors and 30 nurses as well as a number of trained social workers. Nurses, doctors and social workers also were aboard the special leaving New York.

Several other trains were also dispatched from New England, pointing with every facility for supplying aid to the stricken city.

Before arrival of the trains, however, active work of American Red Cross relief was under way, as workers were on the ground several minutes after the explosion occurred.

What Trains Carried.

The following articles valued at more than \$200,000, were carried by the trains: 4,830 pairs of socks and 3,024 pairs of bed socks; 10,089 sweaters; 15,152 pieces of men's women's and children's clothing; 10,000 blankets; 20 cases containing 100 gallons of disinfecting fluid; 20,000 pounds of bandages; 496 cots and a cartload of foodstuffs.

Physicians and Nurses Mobilized.

One hundred surgeons and physicians, more than 150 nurses and a number of social workers were speedily mobilized by the Red Cross.

THEATERS GIVE RED CROSS AID

MATINEE PERFORMANCES YIELD SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS FOR MERCY FUND.

Assist in the Promotion of a Philanthropy Made Acute by War's Need.

The heart of the mimic world, that throbs so true and resolute in the philanthropies of peace—is doubly warm and responsive in the charities of war.

Red Cross matinees in the theaters of the state last Friday raised substantial amounts for the fund. While not a part of the Christmas membership drive, the fine co-operation of the theaters, who contributed the entire receipts of the day, was a fitting "curtain-raiser."

Others Besides Playgoers.

In Detroit it wasn't only the playgoers of the footlights, though, who gave their time and talent. The arts united. Captain James W. Inches, Edgar A. Guest and some people of the Arts and Crafts theater, among others, participated in the programs.

The service khaki of Dr. Inches brought an air of actuality and realism beyond the compass of painted drop or eloquent word.

"Sacrifice is a word of red letters in the lexicon of the Red Cross," he said, in his talk from the Temple Theatre stage.

Recalls a Night in Italy.

"Let me take you to a dark night in Italy. We are coming up a narrow road to a small hospital. There is a rumbling of big guns talking in thunderous voices, and ahead is a steep mountainside. To pass up the trail one must go directly through enemy fire."

"Three small Red Cross ambulances are spinning alone."

"You're removing some wounded?"

I asked.

"Oh, no. But there has been a nasty shell-burst up the mountain and we're going to bring back some 19 wounded," the officer told me. And he said it just as you might say you were going to the river to catch the Windson ferry."

In France, Captain Inches related the former health officer visited a munition factory making 45,000 high explosives a day.

"Who was turning them out? Eight thousand of the finest women in France. And I said to myself, 'If that is the spirit of the nation, they may kill France but they never will whip her.'"

"Whether we win this war depends on whether we can develop the same spirit. When I left there, they seemed to think in England and France the chances of victory were about fifty-fifty, unless America awoke. Russia is out of it; Italy hardly can take care of herself; and France, having fought a magnificent fight, is in bad straits."

"It we can't go, we at least can work."

We will accept Liberty Bonds in payment for goods.

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We will accept Liberty Bonds in payment for goods.

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FOR HER---

Fur-topped Juliets, blue, pink, gray, maroon and taupe \$1.50

Felt Slippers at \$1.50

Black kid Juliets at 2.25-\$2.50

Leather Moccasins 1.75 to \$2.75

Handkerchiefs, Fancy Collars, Leather purses—the trim tailored kind that women like so well—just the right size to fit your hand, 75c to \$2.00

A blouse represents the sum total of what a woman likes in a gift. Crepe de Chenes, in flesh and white, at \$1.50

FOR HIM---

Felt Slippers

Moccasins

Neckties

Handkerchiefs

Leather Romeo Slippers

Suspenders

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Sweaters

Gloves

Hose Supporters

Silk Hose

Trench Caps

THE STORE OF A THOUSAND GIFTS

The prettiest of all the gifts, so tiny they will almost go in baby's wee stocking. Little knitted sacques, almost like a doll's sacque and as dainty as they can be—white with pink and blue trimmings. They keep them very warm. Booties to put on their little feet, some almost seven league boots for they come right over their knees and keep them snug as can be—25c and 35c.

Handkerchiefs for Ladies—In fancy Silks and Crepe de Chenes, 25, 35 and 50c. Pure Linens in plain and fancies at 10, 25 and 35c. Fancy Muslin Handkerchiefs in all prices.

Handkerchiefs for Men—Cotton and Linen and Silk—10, 15, 25 and 50c each.

Just the Thing for Children

Little Shopping Bags, Burnt Wood Boxes, Fancy Paste-board Boxes, all containing cute little Handkerchiefs.

Gloves for ladies and gents. Brown and gray kids, Suede and dressed.

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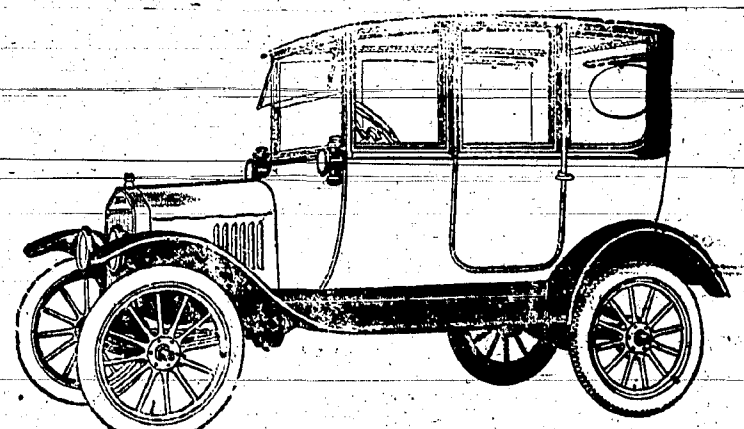
A Pretty Rest Robe for Mother—Mother would love a rest robe in lavender, Wistaria, in fact we have all colors.

Beautiful New Silk Stockings. The young girl who is going to many parties will love these new stockings—dark brown, white, black, gold, taupe pink and blue.

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GEORGE BURKE, Grayling, Michigan.



OUTSIDE PALE OF HUMANITY

Frightfulness Taught by German Leaders Belongs to Age of Barbarism.

SOLEMN PLEDGE MERE WORDS

Kaiser's Statesmen Had No Intention of Keeping Faith With Their Agreement on International Law—Horrors Told by Diaries.

In giving to the American people the knowledge of German inhumanity in Belgium, says a pamphlet issued by the committee on public information, the evidence is drawn mainly from German and American sources. The German sources include official proclamations and other official utterances, letters and diaries of German soldiers, and quotations from German newspapers. The "Rules for Field Service" of the German army advises each soldier to keep such a diary while on active service.

In the wars waged in ancient times it was taken for granted that conquered peoples might be either killed, tortured, or held as slaves; that their property would be taken and that their lands would be devastated. "Vae victis!"—woe to the conquered! For two centuries or more there has been a steady advance in introducing ideas of humanity and especially in confining the evils of warfare to the combatants. The ideal seemed to have become so thoroughly established as a part of international law that the powers at The Hague thought it sufficient merely to state the general principles in Article XLVI of the regulations: "Family honors and rights, the lives of persons and private property, as well as religious convictions and practice, must be respected. Private property cannot be confiscated." Germany, in common with the other powers, solemnly pledged her faith to keep this article, but her military leaders had no intention of doing so. They had been trained in the ideas voiced by Gen. von Hartmann 40 years ago: "Terrorism is seen to be a relatively gentle procedure, useful to keep the masses of the people in a state of obedience." This had been Bismarck's policy, too. According to Moritz Busch, Bismarck's biographer, Bismarck, concerned by the French resistance, which was still continuing in January, 1871, said: "If in the territory which we occupy, we cannot supply everything for our troops, from time to time we shall send a flying column into the localities which are recalcitrant. We shall shoot, hang and burn. After that has happened a few times, the inhabitants will finally come to their senses."

Horrors Told in Soldiers' Diaries. The frightfulness taught by the German leaders held true in Belgium. This is best seen in the entries in the diaries of the individual German soldiers. "During the night of August 15-16 Engineer G. gave the alarm in the town of Vise. Every one was shot or taken prisoner, and the houses were burnt. The prisoners were made to march and keep up with the troops. (From the diary of noncommissioned officer Reinhold Koch of the Second battalion of engineers, Third army corps.)

"A horrible bath of blood. The whole village burnt—the French thrown into the blazing houses, civilians with the rest." (From the diary of Private Hassmer of the 14th infantry corps.)

"In the night of August 15-16 the village of Saint-Maurice was punished for having fired on German soldiers by being burnt to the ground by the German troops. Two regiments, the Twelfth Landwehr and the Seventeenth, the village was surrounded, men posted about a yard from one another, so that no one could get out. Then the flames set fire to it, house by house. Neither man, woman, nor child could escape; only the greater part of the live stock was carried off, as that could be used. Anyone who ventured to come out was shot down. All the inhabitants left in the village were burnt with the houses." (From the diary of Private Karl Scheufele of the Third Bavarian regiment and landwehr infantry.)

"At ten o'clock in the evening the first battalion of the One hundred and Seventy-eighth marching down the steep incline into the burning village to the burning village to the north of Dinant. A terrific spectacle of ghastly beauty. At the entrance to the village lay about fifty dead civilians, shot for having fired upon our troops from ambush. In the course of the night many others were also shot, so that we counted over 200. Women and children, lamp in hand, were forced to look on at the horrible scene. We ate our rice later in the midst of the corpses, for we had had nothing since morning. When we searched the houses we found plenty of wine and spirit, but no eatables. Captain Hamann was drunk." (This last phrase in shorthand.) (From the diary of Private Philipp of the One Hundred and Seventy-eighth regiment of infantry, Twelfth army corps.)

Writing from Belgium in 1916 Irvin S. Cobb said: "Believe what I saw was this: I saw

AS THE WORLD MOVES

Almost automatic in its operation is a child's swing featured by an additional set of ropes that an Iowa man has invented.

Electric control that can be operated from any desired point features a new gas heater designed to warm several rooms.

Twelve busette bridges, each section of which is operated separately by electric motors, have been erected over the arm of a European harbor.

wide areas of Belgium and France in which not a penny's worth of wanton destruction had been permitted to occur, in which the ripe years hung untouched upon the garden walls; and I saw other wide areas where scarcely one stone had been left to stand upon another; where the fields were ravaged; where the male villagers had been shot in squads; where the miserable survivors had been left to den in holes, like wild beasts."

Even Soldiers Horrified. Some German soldiers, we are glad to see, showed their horror at the foul deeds committed in Belgium.

The inhabitants have fled in the village. It was horrible. There was dotted blood all the hours, and what faces one saw, terrible to behold! The dead, 60 in all, were at once buried. Among them were many old women, some old men, and a half-delivered woman, awful to see; three children had clung each other, and died thus. The altar and the vaults of the church are shattered. They had a telephone there to communicate with the enemy. This morning, September 2, all the survivors were expelled, and I saw four little boys carrying a cradle, with a baby five or six months old in it, on two sticks. All this was terrible to see. Shot after shot! Thunderbolt after thunderbolt! Everything is given over to pillage; fowls and the rest all killed. I saw a mother, too, with her two children; one had a great wound on the head and had lost an eye." (From the diary of Lance Corporal Paul Splemann of the Ersatz-first brigade of Infantry of the Guard.)

In the night the inhabitants of Liege became mutinous. Forty persons were shot and 10 houses demolished, 10 soldiers shot. The slights here make you cry. "On the 23rd of August everything quiet. The inhabitants have so far given in. Seventy students were shot, 200 low prisoners. Inhabitants returning to Liege. "August 24. At noon with 30 men on sentry duty. Sentry duty is a 1-ne-post, allocated to me. Our occupation, apart from building, is eating and drinking. We live like God in Belgium." (From the diary of John van der Schuer, sergeant of the Tenth company, Thirty-ninth reserve infantry regiment, Seventh reserve army corps.)

"Behaved Like Vandals." "August 17. In the afternoon I had a look at the little chateau belonging to one of the king's secretaries (not at home). Our men had behaved like regular vandals. They had looted the cellar first, and then they had turned their attention to the bedrooms and thrown things about all over the place. They had even made fruitless efforts to smash the safe open. Everything was topsy-turvy—magnificent furniture, etc., and even chimneys. That's what happens when the men are allowed to requisition for themselves. I am sure they must have taken away a heap of useless stuff simply for the pleasure of looting."

"August 18 crossed frontier. Inhabitants on border very good to us and gave us many thanks. There is no difference in the border. "August 22nd, Sunday (between Binal and Dinant, village of Dinant). At 11 o'clock the order comes to advance. After the advance the troops prepared the ground ahead. The pioneers and infantry regiment 178 were marching in front of us. Near a small village the latter were fired on by the inhabitants. About 230 inhabitants were shot and the village was burnt—artillery is continuously shooting—the village lies in a large ravine. Just now six o'clock in the afternoon, the crossing of the Maas begins near Dinant. All villages, chateaux, and houses are burnt down during this night. It was a beautiful sight to see the fires all round us in the distance."

"August 23. In every village one finds only heaps of ruins and many dead. From the diary of Mattheus Fourth company, Eleventh Jager battalion, Metzburg."

All Male Inhabitants Shot. "A shell burst near the Eleventh company, and wounded seven men, three very severely. At five o'clock we were ordered by the officer in command of the regiment to shoot all the male inhabitants of Nomeny, because the population was foolishly attempting to stay the advance of the German troops by force of arms. We broke into the houses, and seized all who resisted, in order to execute them according to martial law. The houses which had not been already destroyed by the French artillery and our own were set on fire by us, so that nearly the whole town was reduced to ashes. It is a terrible sight when helpless women and children, utterly destitute, are herded together and driven into France." (From the diary of Private Fischer, Eighth Bavarian regiment of infantry, Thirty-third reserve division.)

Too Many Servants in Britain. Duncan Miller asked the minister of national service, says the London Times, whether his attention has been called to the number of advertisements for servants in households of one, two or three persons, where seven to ten indoor servants are already kept, and whether he proposes to limit the number of indoor servants employed in each household. The minister of national service replied that he had already pointed out how essential it is, in the national interest, that no person should employ more servants than are absolutely necessary. The minister trusts that the awakened conscience of the people will have in this respect failed to appreciate their duty will provide an immediate and sufficient remedy. If not, he will tell his plan in the general statement on man power.

For disinfecting or perfuming the air in rooms an attachment for electric fans has been invented in which liquids descend from a tank into a breeze that is waved by the fans' blades.

French cotton mill men have established a laboratory to determine the percentage of moisture or any abnormal dryness in cotton, that which is too dry being regarded as defective.

Dayton, O., is said to have made more than \$100,000,000 in war munitions manufacture.

ARMY RAISES BAN ON MARRIED MEN

VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED, SECRETARY OF WAR RULES.

STATE GUARD NEXT IN FRANCE

Major-General Parker Says Division of War is Contingent Slated to Go Abroad Next.

Lansing. Because it seems to be the policy of the war department to interpose a great force of Americans to aid in checking the Germans' western drive at the earliest possible moment, the ban on married men in the armed forces of the nation has been lifted so far as the volunteer army is concerned.

To permit the enlistment of married men under the same conditions as is provided for single men, army regulations which said this sort of thing should be discouraged, have been suspended, according to a bulletin from Secretary of War Baker. "That the new order means the enlistment of many of the 500,000 men who were discharged from the Michigan forces last summer because they had dependents is the opinion of officers of the former state guard now training at Waco, Texas. Wisconsin leaders also believe that numbers of trained men in the badger state will enlist.

Among the men discharged because they were married and had dependents were many border veterans. "The plan to train troops is near the theater of war, where the boom of guns goes into the blood, where the whir of aeroplanes controlling the sky mingles with the roar of artillery, where personal contact with men who have been in the thick of the fray causes the blood of Americans to run faster in their veins. The sooner we get our men to France the sooner they will be ready for battle."

That is the message Major-General James M. Parker, who is now in command of the Eighty-fifth division at Camp Custer, delivered to the people of Michigan when he received the camp's correspondents. He also added that Michigan might be proud of the showing made by her boys in the thirty-second division, now training at Waco, because they have been selected as the next contingent of fighters to go abroad and enter the arena of war.

"I am proud of the men of my division at Camp McArthur," he said, "and the people of Michigan may be proud of them also. They have made an excellent showing, after their strenuous course of training, and for that reason their time of movement to France has been shoved ahead of that of other divisions previously scheduled to lead them."

Division Sure to See War. Some of the medical men at Camp Custer have discovered the reason why so many "physical units" were sent in the last increment.

They charge that some of the local draft boards thought that the 85th division would never see war, which the medical staff, evidently caused the boards to grow careless in the first physical examinations.

One army surgeon especially was outspoken in his opinion that a majority of the people, some local boards and many of the soldiers, believe the drafted soldiers will not see service. "The sooner that idea is eliminated from their minds the better," he declared emphatically. "So long as it remains it will work against the best interests of the country and of the town."

The men in Camp Custer are going overseas. They will see active service in the trenches and plenty of it. Parents shouldn't bolster up their hopes with that false thought. Local boards should not foster it. The men in camp, most of all, should not entertain it. If they do, there will be a rude awakening."

Hotelmen Back Up Prescott. The Michigan Hotelmen's association in the two-day session of its annual convention at Saginaw, pledged its support to the state and national food administrations in the matter of food conservation as a war method, after hearing an address by State Food Administrator George A. Prescott.

Mr. Prescott said that 2,200 hotels and restaurants in the state had signed food pledge cards, promising to observe meatless, Tuesday and wheatless Wednesdays, but that 800 had not, and asked the help of those who had signed to bring the rest in.

Hardwood Firemen in State Employ. The public domain commission has taken over the fire fighting forces formerly operated by the Michigan Hardwood Protective association, with offices at Gaylord. The association will be under state control, state direction and state pay. The men will be directed by William J. Pearson, of Boyne Falls, chief firereward of the state. Lee Morford, the present secretary of the association, will be given a state commission without pay, with headquarters at Gaylord.

Wheatless Meal a Day Planned. A new food conservation campaign from house to house is to be started in Michigan shortly after January 1 to start one wheatless meal a day in addition to the wheatless day a week now demanded. In addition there will be a request for one porkless day a week. The new appeal is in line with Food Director Hoover's recent announcement that only as the United States reduces its consumption of wheat below normal can it supply wheatless food to its allies.

Quiet Regiment Moves Over.

Meatless and wheatless days have been introduced in Camp Custer by the 330th field artillery. This regiment is the first in camp to step forth voluntarily and enlist its efforts in the campaign for food conservation.

The army has never been asked to do more than maintain its present food schedule. The theory is that the soldier who gives up all his home comforts, leaves his business and in addition works like a beaver for eight or ten hours a day should not also be asked to go on reduced rations. The army man lives more simply than half the civilian population as it is. There are mighty few scraps from his table, and what few there may be are sold and utilized.

The spirit of the 330th in voluntarily submitting to the change of rations is therefore meeting with commendation, and it is said that other regiments may adopt the plan. When several thousand men eat wheatless foods one day in the week and deny themselves meat on another day, the total saved in those commodities is considerable at the end of a month, as may well be imagined.

The soldiers, however, are not deprived of full meals by the change. Substitutes have been adopted which really vary the monotony of the food and the new menu is said to be even more popular than the old. Custer Soldiers Taught to Sing. The axiom, "A singing army is a winning army," has been adopted by the war department, and when the Custer soldiers march on the trenches they will do so with words of song on their lips. And they also have adopted the theory that "a bird who can sing and won't sing must be made to sing," for a division order compelling every man to sing a week to singing has been issued, and each morning they will sing by companies, battalions, regiments and brigades for the edification of officers and their teacher, John H. Archer.

A standard book with half a hundred or more songs in it has been issued by the government and each soldier is expected to have one. In fact, it is part of his equipment as much as his rifle or pack.

And after the war is over we may have a singing nation—men who will go about their work in shops and on the street to the rhythm of music. America is about the only country in the world where the "closed-mouth" policy has been insisted on in its warships. In the cigarette factories of Mexico and the cigar factories of Cuba, for instance, the employees of labor have long recognized the physical effect of music on their work and employ orchestras to play catchy airs to their employees during work hours. Result: they have more cheerful help and their output is increased. European employers also believe in keeping their men cheerful and encouraging singing and whistling.

CAMP CUSTER NOTES. A class has been opened for intelligence officers. French and British officers lecture.

Complete uniforms are issued as rapidly as the men pass their physical examinations.

There are now more than 6,000 horses and mules in this cantonment's remount depots.

An English captain has charge of the emptying course in Camp Custer. The best shots have been selected for this course.

Of the 52 Y. M. C. A. secretaries who constituted the force at the opening of camp, 15 have enlisted in the United States army or navy.

The Masonic order has decided not to erect a lodge room at Camp because the Y. M. C. A. is already doing what would be done if a temple were erected.

Twelve hundred of the most modern gas masks superior to the best now used in Europe, have arrived in camp for use in the gas defense service course.

Camp Custer now has express service. All the express companies have pooled their interests in the camp, and have constructed a building near the entrance to the electric railway.

Women of Michigan should immediately devote most of their knitting activities for the soldiers to the making of helmets, gloves or mittens and socks, especially helmets. They are more important than sweaters, mufflers or wristlets.

A card index system has been adopted to record scores made by each man on the rifle ranges. Some of the records are surprising. The officers. One man being rapidly established is that man who never before fired a rifle and shooting the records of old hunters and shooting enthusiasts. It is explained that many men, experts with shotguns and in their own peculiar way, have acquired habits not easy to change, while the beginner is amenable to instruction.

British and French officers here are inclined to look askance at the vast amount of entertainment shored up for the men. They believe there is too much of the "pink tea" feature in this camp.

Inspectors have visited Camp Custer to make an investigation of the food served to the men. Methods of preparation, of storage and of handling were noted and both the quality and the amount supplied are made matters of record. All camps are being investigated in the same way under war department orders.



ALLIED COUNCIL TO DIRECT NAVIES

OPERATIONS AGAINST GERMANY TO BE CONTROLLED BY SINGLE BOARD.

BENSON AND SIMS REPRESENT U.S.

New Arrangement Will Enable Allies to Conduct War with Greatest Possible Efficiency.

Washington.—Creation of an Allied naval council of all nations at war with the Central powers was announced last Friday in a cablegram to the navy department from Admiral William S. Benson in Paris.

Members of the council, established in accordance with plans of the inter-allied conference, will report to their respective governments with recommendations for action. The council will be composed of the minister of marine and chief of naval staff of each country. In the case of the United States, this means Secretary Daniels and Admiral Benson.

As the meetings must be held in Europe, flag officers designated by their governments will represent the members from the United States and Japan. Vice Admiral Sims, commanding the American naval forces in European waters, will represent Secretary Daniels.

17-AMERICANS DIE AT CAMBRAI

U. S. Engineers Caught in German Advance Reported "Missing."

Washington.—Seventeen of the American engineers who dropped their shovels to pitch into the fighting when they were caught by the German advance in front of Cambrai were reported Sunday as "missing in action." The toll of these Americans whose bravery, promptness and fine spirit won a commendatory letter from General Haig to General Pershing, was announced by the war department.

Nearly all of them are from New York City or nearby territory. None is from Michigan.

Reports at the time told how, when the German counter attack surged forward and caught them between the lines, they dugged into shell holes abandoned by the British, waited for the thin British line to surge forward again.

It was known then that there had been some casualties, but Sunday's announcement is the first official confirmation of the fact.

Reported as missing, the men may have been taken prisoners by the Germans. It is feared, however, that few escaped death in the shell holes, but swept wastes of No Man's Land, if they were unable to rejoin their comrades in the first rush.

"LIGHTLESS NIGHTS" ORDERED

Cities to Dim "White Ways" Thursdays and Sundays.

Washington.—Two "lightless nights" a week have now been ordered by the fuel administration.

Sunday and Thursday of every week are to see the city "white ways" and advertising signs darkened, only necessary street lights used and only such lights as the law requires in offices and stores not open for business.

The new order replaces one which became effective November 9 for the dimming of electric displays, which the administration says has been a failure.

Boy Burglar Paroled, Must Pay Debt. Hastings.—Judge Smith in circuit court sentenced Arvane Wood, a youthful burglar, to imprisonment for six months to 15 years. He then suspended sentence on him for two years.

Wood broke into the Hastings Manufacturing company's plant where he stole stamps and blank checks which he so cleverly forged in Grand Rapids that officers arrested him, obtained a confession and turned him over to Hastings officers. Wood was ordered to reimburse the company.

Kent Classified Coal Deliveries. Grand Rapids.—Charles B. Kelsey, fuel administrator for Kent county, announced the following rules: Restriction of coal deliveries to one ton for domestic use. Refusal to supply coal to residents in rural districts, such residents to depend upon wood for fuel. Shortening of the hours of billiard and pool rooms and the temporary closing of clubs, saloons to use no coal for heating purposes. Closing of as many churches as possible; fuel to be furnished first to homes.

NO PEACE TALK AT ALLY CONFERENCE

COLONEL HOUSE, ON RETURN FROM EUROPE, SAYS WAR ONLY WAS DISCUSSED.

SAYS TEAM WORK IS ASSURED

Meeting Got Together Principally on Economic Situation, Food, Embargo and Finance.

New York.—Peace was never mentioned at the allied conference in Paris, or at the supreme war council which met recently at Versailles, Colonel E. M. House, head of the American mission which recently visited England and France, said Saturday on his arrival from Europe.

Mr. House said that the allied conference "brought things to a focus." The allied naval conference, formation of which has just been announced in Washington, is the first result of the meetings of American delegates and representatives of the other allies, Mr. House said.

"Before the conference," Mr. House asserted, "coordination was not going on well. But we are working now well together. We are working together principally on the economic situation, embargo, food and finance. I regard the trip as a complete success."

Mr. House said that the governments must ratify all action taken. He said an announcement of the work accomplished by the American mission might be expected from Washington soon.

The supreme war council, he said, is a permanent body and the United States has a permanent place in it, if it so desires. The matter of Mr. House making another trip to Europe soon is entirely at the disposition of President Wilson.

"The morale among the people in both Great Britain and France is splendid," Mr. House said. "Even French pacifists admit that the morale was never better."

"American interests in Europe are almost paramount."

TWO AUSTRIAN WARSHIPS SUNK

Italian Destroyers Enter Harbor at Trieste to Strike Blow.

Washington.—Two of Austria's battleships have fallen victim to the most daring naval raid of the war—the forcing of the harbor of Trieste by two intrepid Italian torpedo boat destroyers. A dispatch received at the Italian embassy thus recounts the exploit: "In the night of December 9-10, Italian torpedo boat destroyers entered Trieste harbor, passing the enemy fortifications and fired five torpedoes at two Austrian battleships, one of them being the Monarch. All five torpedoes exploded. One battleship was foundered. The Italian destroyers were attacked by guns and torpedoes, but despite this they returned in safety."

SNOW STORM AIDS ROBBERS

Two Daylight Holdups Not Bandits Over \$25,000.

Chicago.—Working in a blinding snowstorm that enabled them to escape without leaving a trace behind, bank bandits staged two daring robberies shortly before noon here last Thursday.

Four men in an automobile held up the LaGrange State bank locked the cashier in a vault and escaped with \$25,000.

A lone robber, armed with a rifle on which was a Maxie silencer, locked the manager and clerk of the Bruno Pinkert private bank in Cicero, a suburb, in a vault and escaped with \$800.

COAL RELIEF PROVES MYTH

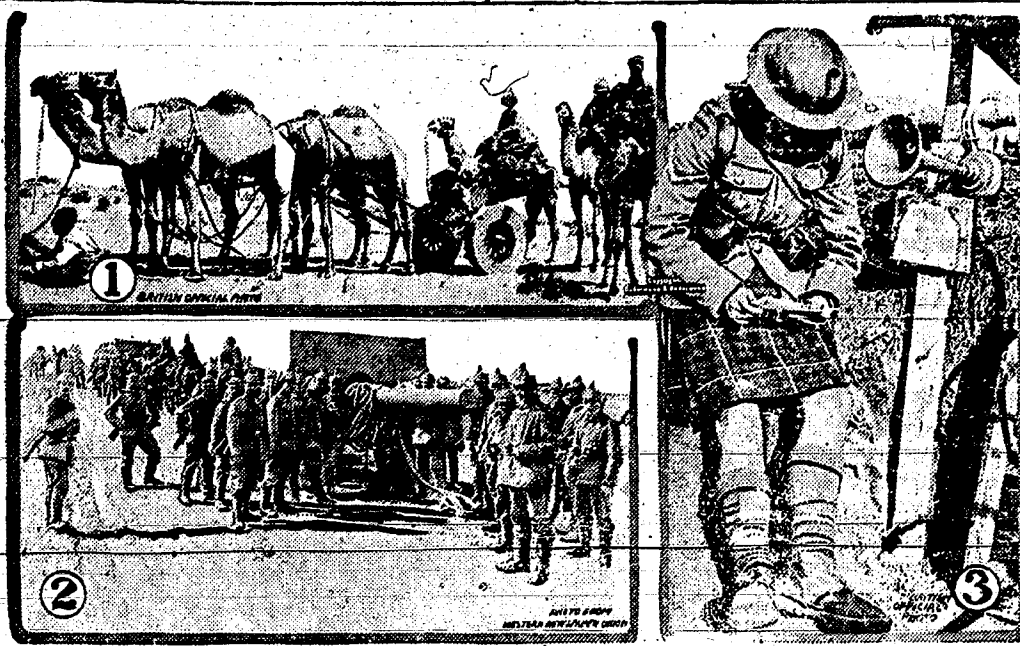
Promised Fuel Fails to Arrive—Famine is National.

Lansing.—Relief from the coal shortage, which last week seemed assured, has proven a myth and Michigan now is both desperate and destitute. This condition, however, prevails, practically throughout the nation and National Fuel Administrator Garfield has redoubled efforts to release supplies held on tracks by car congestion.

The state administrators office here is flooded with telegrams from all parts of the state, calling for immediate relief without fuel but conditions are such that slight hope of relief can be held out to them.

Families Freeze: Steal Coal: Freed. Detroit.—Because their wives and children had suffered from cold at their homes, the cases against Ivan Thompson and Leo Helke, charged with stealing coal from local railroad yards, were dismissed by Justice Heston in police court. Both testified that they had been unable to obtain fuel and had been forced to pick coal in the railroad yards. Several others who took coal from railroad yards although they had tons of fuel in their bins were fined.

Study of German in Disfavor. Lansing.—Fred L. Keeler, state superintendent of instruction, believes that fewer than half of the students in graded schools of the state are studying German, as compared with last year. Hardly a day passes but some school notifies him that it has entirely closed the study. There are no exact figures on other schools, but in schools where students who have had one year must complete their course for credit it is noticed that first-year classes are negligible.



1—British in Palestine laying a telephone cable with the aid of a chariot drawn by camels. 2—Huge German guns of a new model being hurried up to the western front. 3—Highlander in a gas sentry post ready to spread the alarm when the Germans let loose the poisonous fumes.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

COSSACKS UNDER KORNILOFF AND KALEDINES FIGHTING THE BOLSHEVIKI.

LENINE'S RULE TOTTERING

Germans Prepare for Great Offensive on Western Front—Italy Repulses Their First Attacks—Italians Still Holding Piave River Line—Our War Preparation Methods Are Being Investigated.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Speculating on what has happened in Russia and what is about to happen has become a favorite occupation of the rest of the world. Dispatches from Petrograd, where the means of communication are controlled by the bolsheviks, are wholly unreliable, and news from other sources is fragmentary and conflicting. At this writing the facts appear to be about as follows: In southern and southeastern Russia the Cossacks, who stand for law and order, are fighting the bolshevik forces; in Petrograd and Moscow-Leningrad his crowd are maintaining themselves in power by using the strong hand, arresting and murdering the opposition and bulldozing the constituent assembly, which began its sessions; the Russian armies on the east front, following the arrangement of an armistice, are rapidly disbanding; and the Roumanians were forced to accept an armistice by the action of their allies; but the negotiations for peace started by the bolsheviks have run against a snag in the extraordinary demands made by the Germans; many different parts of Russia have declared their independence, and Siberia shows signs of reverting to the rule of the deposed czar; Vladivostok, where are immense quantities of supplies sent by America and the entire alliance, is patrolled by Japanese troops, and Harbin is being protected by Chinese soldiers.

If this is a correct statement of conditions at the close of the week, it would be a bold man who would predict the immediate future.

Reports of Battle Contradictory.

According to official bolshevik dispatches from Petrograd, the Cossacks under Korniloff were defeated early in the week near Bielegrad, but another account of the battle said Korniloff routed his opponents, that many of them joined his forces and that he surrounded the others and "dealt with them very drastically." General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, also is active in southern Russia and it is said to be his hope, with the aid of the allies, at least to shut the Germans out of the food-producing part of the country.

Wireless reports from Rostov, which did not reach the outside world until Thursday, said Kaledines was besieging that city and that within Rostov the Cossacks had been fighting the bolsheviks and destroyed their headquarters. At the same time a transport manned by bolsheviks was being boarded by the Kaledines forces.

Bitterly disappointing to the bolsheviks must be the German demands made in the peace negotiations, and at this distance it is hard to see what may be the Kaiser's purpose in being so severe. His commissioners are reported to have insisted that Germany shall not give up any Russian territory she now occupies; that Petrograd must be evacuated until peace is concluded; that the Ukraine shall be ceded to Austria-Hungary; that Germany shall control the Russian wheat market for fifteen years and German goods shall be admitted to Russia duty free. The armistice, it is said, to continue for three months. Germany seemingly evaded the Russian demand that during its continuance no troops be moved to other fronts, and meanwhile has been transferring hundreds of thousands of soldiers to France and Italy.

Germans Preparing for Great Attack.

All the signs during the early part of the week led to the belief that the Germans were preparing for a supreme effort at some point of the west front. Allied aviators observed long motor

URGE POLYGAMY IN GERMANY

Movement to Allow "Secondary Marriages" With Object of Increasing the Nation's Man Power.

A pamphlet urging "secondary marriages" to increase the nation's "man power" is circulating in Germany. It is called "secondary marriage as the only means for the rapid creation of a new and powerful army and the purification of morality." The author, Carl Hermann Torges

trains carrying vast numbers of troops and immense quantities of supplies, and for days the German artillery was excessively active. Various feeling-out movements were undertaken against the French without success, and on Wednesday the Germans made three violent attacks on the British between Bullecourt and Quenot. The first two were repulsed, and the third gave the enemy possession of an already obliterated trench at the apex of the angle in the British lines.

This, of course, was not the main attack planned by Von Hindenburg, who it was believed, would soon start his greatest offensive on the west in two weeks, with the assistance of many Austrian divisions. The British and French were on tiptoe to meet it, and it was taken for granted that some at least of General Pershing's American forces would have a part in the battle. Indeed, some observers predicted that an attempt would be made to smash that part of the line toward Alsace where most of the Americans have been stationed. Others believed the main attack of the Germans would be directed against the French between Reims and Verdun.

Italian Front Seems Safe.

For several days the Austrians, Hungarians and Germans made continuous and heavy assaults on the Italians between the Piave and Brenta rivers north of Monte Grappa. The fighting was severe and the losses large, but the enemy made slight impression on the Italian line, gaining a precarious foothold in some positions on Monte Spioncola and Col Orso. The Italians are fighting with the utmost determination and are greatly cheered by the prospect of American help. On Thursday a large number of American airplanes were seen over the front.

For the Piave river front, it is interesting to note that the first American shot against Austria was fired by Representative Thinkham of Massachusetts on the lower Piave. On invitation of an Italian officer, he sent a big shell hurtling across to the Austrian line, regardless of the fact that if the enemy should capture him he could be executed as a "franc-tireur."

Bearing out the statement that the Italian effort in Italy has exhausted itself is the welcome news that heavy snow is falling in the mountains at the west end of the front, rendering difficult the further transportation of men and material. The Italians, however, expect to hold the enemy by strength of arms rather than with the aid of nature.

The Italian navy is doing its part in the defense and on Sunday night a torpedo boat flotilla entered the harbor of Trieste and sank two Austrian battleships, one of them being the Wien.

Occupation of Jerusalem.

The occupation of Jerusalem by General Allenby's expedition caused great rejoicing among Christians and Jews of the civilized world. The event has more than a sentimental value, for the possession of the Holy City by the British makes safe the Suez canal and provides them with a base from which to threaten seriously the Turks in the east and north. In conjunction with the British operations in Mesopotamia, Allenby's success in Palestine is very important to the cause of the allies. As was predicted, Jerusalem was taken without the necessity of a bombardment, and its captors are adequately protecting the holy places.

In Mesopotamia General Falkenhayn launched his expected offensive, attacking General Marshall's army with a strong force of Turks and Germans. The British were compelled to fall back across the Diarra and Euphrates rivers with the enemy in pursuit. It is taken for granted that Falkenhayn's intention is to make a great effort to recapture Bagdad.

Though the number of British vessels sunk by submarines, as reported by the admiralty, was still too large for comfort, those in a position to know assert that the U-boat campaign really has proved a failure and that the submarines are being destroyed or captured almost as fast as Germany can build them. Moreover, the British ships are now turning out almost as much tonnage monthly as the Germans destroy, and are fast increasing their output.

Investigating Dilatory Methods.

The expected and inevitable attack on our methods of war preparation came last week in the form of an investigation by the senate committee on military affairs. Enough of what

the committee learned in the first few days' work has been made public to show that the complaints and the inquiry are warranted. The brunt falls on the ordnance and quartermaster general's bureaus, though the chiefs of these bureaus are not considered personally to blame. The senators want to learn the real causes of the delay in supplying arms, artillery and all other munitions to the nation's fighting forces—a delay that is admitted and that is usually laid to the old red tape methods of the war department. Congress furnished plenty of money, and the question is why was it not expended quickly and wisely? General Pershing's troops, it appears, have had to rely on the British and French for artillery and other supplies, and the men in the American training camps have been very inadequately furnished with rifles, warm clothing and other necessities. These are only a few of the complaints the committee is investigating.

Secretary Baker's reply to criticism, an assertion that America's military preparations have evoked the admiration of the experts of other nations, can scarcely be taken as an adequate defense of the methods of his department. In explaining the delay in obtaining machine guns General Crozier, chief of the ordnance bureau, declared that Mr. Baker himself was to blame. The whole thing should and probably will result in the creation of a real superior war council, and the sooner this is done, the better for America and the world.

The railroad question is claiming much attention of the administration, and President Wilson indicated last week he would soon address congress on the matter and ask legislation. It appears, however, not to favor actual government ownership of the roads, but rather the creation of an administrative board or board of transportation with power to direct the employment of the joint resources of the railways in whatever manner is deemed best for war purposes. Under this plan the roads would be operated by their present managements and would be guaranteed a fair profit.

Leniency for Austro-Hungarians.

In his proclamation of a state of war against Austro-Hungary President Wilson announced an unexpectedly lenient policy in the treatment of subjects of the dual kingdom in America. So long as they behave themselves they are left free to reside and labor in the mixed zones closed to Germans, and they are not required to register with the police and postmasters. This policy was hailed with joy by thousands of Czechs, Bohemians and Poles who hate Austria, and also was a great relief to many employers who had feared their industries would be crippled. If the conduct of the Austro-Hungarians shows they do not properly appreciate this leniency, they will be placed under the same restrictions that apply to subjects of Germany.

In prosecuting his campaign for the conservation of food needed for the fighting forces, Mr. Hoover last week added a portable day, Saturday, which he asks everyone to observe. In addition, he urges a wholesome and meatless meal each day. The federal trade commission having been informed that canned goods are being hoarded in the warehouses of the meat packers, an investigation of this was started at once.

The coal situation is becoming more and more serious with the increasing winter weather. The administrations of various states are complaining bitterly of the hardship imposed on their people, and in Ohio only the stern intervention of Fuel Administrator Garfield prevented Governor Cox from seizing the coal at the lake ports. In the same the conditions brought out severe criticism of the railroads and of the government priority board.

Several more of the American rail-way engineers in France have been killed, this time by aerial bombs dropped by the Germans in a town through which the engineers were passing. The successful military revolution in Portugal is causing the allied governments some uneasiness, for while the new government would remain faithful to her pledges, the insurrection was directed against the most trusted friends of the allies, and some of them, including President Macdonald and Premier Costa, have been imprisoned. The situation in Portugal, who led the revolt, has been made premier and foreign minister.

Leadoff, declares roundly "the conception of immorality is relative," and that "good morals are only what the upper classes of society approve" and gives Germany "the justification in case of necessity to put the stamp of morality upon what today seems immoral."

The main proposals are: Women who have reached a certain age are called upon to enter into a secondary marriage, supported by personal inclination. Only a married man may be the ob-

STATE NEWS

Muskegon—Wilbur Boyer, British tank driver, has been spending a fortnight with his parents here.

Monroe—William Harris, 35 years old, laborer, was sentenced to 90 days in the Detroit house of correction for beating his wife with a broomstick.

Jackson—Bread prices in Jackson have been reduced through the efforts of Charles Dewitt, local food administrator, from 10 and 15 cents a loaf to 8 and 12 cents.

Saginaw—W. H. Wallace of the Michigan Sugar Co., has been named federal agent of the federal food administration by George A. Prescott, state food administrator.

Adrian—Charles McKenna, of the Ypsilanti normal, and W. N. Ferris, of Ferris Institute, of Big Rapids, will direct the annual county teachers' institute, which will be held here January 14-15.

Traverse City—George Carmichael, 23, of this city, is the champion automobile "borrower" of northern Michigan, according to local authorities. They have traced at least 23 night stealings to him. He was sentenced by Judge Mayne, of the circuit court, to finish a term of two years at Jonia.

Fremont—Jewell H. Whit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hewitt of this city, a local volunteer in the United States army now in France, sends word to his parents that the opinion is general among the men along the western front that the Germans are making a final desperate attempt to break through the allied lines, hoping to consummate this action before a large number of American troops will be available to aid in turning them back.

Kalamazoo—The first local policeman will receive a salary of \$1,500 a year.

Albion—Local bakeries have eliminated all credit, telephone and delivery business.

Yale—Thomas H. Parkinson, 63 years old, a member of the state legislature of 1895, is dead.

Muskegon—All local patriotic campaigns will be handled through one organization in the future.

Allegan—Circuit Judge Cross assessed Charles Walker, of Valley, \$108.35 and seven months imprisonment in jail for violation of local option laws.

Owosso—After hearing of the capture and escape of his three brothers on the Cambrai front, Oscar Hildebrand left to join the navy. His brothers are with the 16th engineers.

Pontiac—By flashing moving pictures from a platform outside the Methodist church through a window onto the screen in the auditorium, a charity bazaar was given.

Life marshal would not allow the machine to be used inside the building.

Battle Creek—Camp Custer officers are hoping other big hotels will follow the patriotic action of a big Woodward avenue hotel in Detroit which advised it would reduce by one-fifth its regular room rate for the benefit of Custer officers and their families visiting in Detroit.

Pontiac—Ten Detroit detectives and 22 Oakland county men were honorary pall bearers at the funeral of Sheriff O. H. P. Green, who shot himself last week. Charles Cross, under sheriff, has taken the oath of office as sheriff. All appointments by the late sheriff are nullified by his death.

Deerfield—John Matteson, cashier of the Farmer's State bank, faces a charge of embezzling \$25,000. Matteson is said to have lost the money in reckless speculations. The standing of the bank is not affected because of the resources of the stockholders among whom are Geo. Sleeper, Frank Hubbard, Sen. Forrester, Carl L. Opp and John Ryan.

Flint—Twenty-two Genesee county doctors are already in government service.

Grand Rapids—Mrs. Ida Kellogg, 35 years old, of McCords, is dead as the result of burns received when a can of kerosene exploded in her hands. She was attempting to start a fire.

Pontiac—Oxford farmers have discovered large quantities of beans in threshed stacks and several have rethreshed their stacks. One recovered 17 bushels of beans and another 10. Uneven ripening, it is said to be the cause.

Sault Ste. Marie—Using blank checks which he found in waste paper while firing the jail furnace, Joe Davis, convicted of burglary, forged the name of Sam C. Taylor, county clerk, to two checks totaling \$250.90. The checks were made out to two Chicago firms and were enclosed in letters which ordered jewelry and musical instruments. An attempt was made to smuggle the letters out of the jail in the clothing of a prisoner whose sentence had just ended.

Battle Creek—Rudolph Shaur and Stanley Nemzka, two blacksmiths, paid fines for attempting to carry liquor into Camp Custer.

Menominee—Bernard, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Benoit, of Marinette, was burned to death while sleeping. While the mother was out of the house an older brother set a broom alight by putting it in the stove and carried it to the child's bed. The bed was quickly ignited and when the mother returned the child was so badly burned that it was impossible to save his life.

Greenville—Four hundred farmers and potato buyers met here to discuss systems of potato grading, as recommended by the government. Many farmers, who say there is no market for No. 2 potatoes, have started a petition asking for one-grade system.

Traverse City—After wandering through the snow all night clad only in light clothing and slippers, Edward Drew, alleged German spy, who escaped from the Traverse City station hospital where he had been confined temporarily, was captured 11 miles from here nearly frozen to death.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHLAND.

ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

DENMARK.

A number of organizations in Jylland invited Consul Stousland of Skien, Norway, to lecture on a proposition to start a line of car ferries between Frederikshavn, Denmark, and Brevik, Norway. The lecture was given at Aarhus in a large hall, which was packed to its utmost capacity. Mr. Stousland explained the advantages to be derived from such a line to both countries, and the vigorous applause at the close of the lecture proved that his words had fallen on favorable ground. Only one vote was cast against a resolution urging the Danish and Norwegian committee to continue their work for the establishment of such a line. The adoption of the resolution was greeted with animated applause.

Indignation was expressed by Danish newspapers following official denial issued by the foreign office that it was threat of German seizure of a base in Denmark to counterbalance an alleged grant of a similar base in Norway to the allies that caused the conference of Scandinavian monarchs and premiers at Christiania. "We can assure the American press," the Politiken asserted, "that Germany's alleged threat against Denmark was a pure invention. It would be agreeable to the American press would not make Denmark the subject of such fantasies, but give better understanding in Denmark's actual and real difficulties."

The number of marriages has increased in the Danish capital during the war. There was a slight decrease in 1915, but that loss has been made up. Even in 1915 there was an increase of marriages in one parish, "Marion parish." This was due to the fact that a large number of soldiers returned home, bringing with them state-issued extra pecuniary aid to married soldiers.

The budget for the coming year puts the expenditures of the government at about \$52,000,000. The expenditures will put out about \$35,000,000. There will be a surplus of about \$17,000,000. But as about \$10,000,000 of this amount is to be used for the acquisition of property, the real surplus will be only about \$7,000,000.

Several cases of night blindness have been discovered among the children of the training school at Himmerbjaergskolen, Jylland. The school has also been infected elsewhere. It is said to be due to a lack of fats in the food used by the patients. Night blindness in children is apt to develop into complete blindness in the course of time.

The government has put an embargo on the exportation of all kinds of goat skins.

SWEDEN.

A Christmas armistice is urged in a message to all belligerent countries by the Swedish Peace Arbitration society.

The war trade board's terms on which exports of food would be permitted to go to the Scandinavian countries are said by diplomats in Washington cognizant of their nature to be so strict that they expect those nations to refuse them. Norway, Sweden and Denmark are said to feel that to curtail exports to Germany to the point asked by the board would force them into the war. The board's terms have been embodied in a bill, but no answer has been received. The announcement that the three kings of Scandinavia had agreed in conference to mutual aid during the war was taken as forecasting a rejection of the terms laid down by the war board.

Sweden was first asked to shut off entirely the shipment of iron ore to Germany. When she explained her situation the demand was modified, but only to a degree, which Sweden felt would mean violation of her treaty and contract. That Sweden declined to do, fearing Germany would make it a cause for war. It was said that Scandinavian countries felt that it was better for them to give each other what relief they could rather than run the risk of being drawn into the war.

The Swedish Academy of Antiquities has decided to take the steps suggested by the national antiquarian for the preservation of the remains of the famous castle and astronomical observatory built on the island of Hveen by Techo Bruke, the great astronomer. The buildings were put up during the years 1571-1580. They were badly neglected, and in less than a hundred years were reduced to mere ruins. The excavations are expected to bring to light interesting objects from past ages.

An energetic anti-war has been started in Gothenburg. The board of health has opened stations where the carcasses are received. A uniform price of a little over three cents is paid for every rat. The richest part of this story is that the fat is extracted from the rats and turned into lubricating oils.

Doctor Westman, under secretary for foreign affairs, resigned. Westman is alleged to have handled the Luxburg and Cronholm messages for Germany.

Thorvald Fredrikson of Porsgrund has invented a new kind of shoe sole. The new article is made of a number of layers of birch bark glued together with a substance made up of several ingredients, two of which are known only to the inventor. Practical tests have proved that the new sole is absolutely waterproof, feels warm and comfortable to the foot, and stands a good deal of wear. Mr. Fredrikson has given the name "Climor" to his invention.

The offer of Sweden to mediate between Russia and Germany may properly be regarded as an unfriendly act, according to authorities in international law in Washington, who declared that the recognition by Sweden of the bolshevik government was of itself prejudicial to the interests of the allies and might be regarded as deliberate hostile. Sweden, it was charged, had "gone out of her way" to befriend the central powers by offering mediation, recognizing the bolsheviks as the national government of Russia when such recognition had not previously been extended by either of the belligerent groups, creating the appearance of acting in a partisan manner for a selfish interest rather than to promote the cause of peace in the world. Sweden also made the offer and granted recognition of the bolsheviks despite the refusal of the Russian legation at Stockholm to recognize the authority of the maximalists and the repudiation of the usurping bolshevik by Russian diplomats throughout the world. This course of action was taken to aggravate the Swedish offense, but it was indicated that there was nothing the allies could do to recent it further than to disclose their displeasure, which, however, would be of little practical effect on account of the restrictions they already have placed on Swedish commerce and communications as a result of the secret service the Swedish foreign office rendered to Germany under the protection of Swedish diplomatic immunity.

Norway. Norway, Sweden and Denmark have entered a new agreement to preserve "the utmost neutrality." An official statement announced this result of the conference of Scandinavian kings and statesmen which took place in Christiania a few days ago. The conference, according to an announcement, agreed on "Scandinavian harmony and mutual confidence, regardless of the length of the war, each nation to observe the utmost neutrality and all to assist each other by exchange of merchandise." An agreement was reached on the following points: First—By reason of the harmony existing between the three countries, however long the war may last and whatever form it may take, the cordial relations and mutual confidence of the three kingdoms shall be maintained. Second—In conformity with the previous declarations and policies of the three countries, it is the full intention of the governments of each to observe the utmost degree of neutrality toward all belligerent powers. Third—The desire is expressed reciprocally to aid one another with merchandise during the present difficult times, and special representatives are to meet immediately to facilitate the exchange of merchandise. At the meeting there was a discussion in reference to legislation dealing with the relations of foreigners and Scandinavians subjects. An agreement also was reached regarding the continuation of preparatory measures toward safeguarding the common interests of neutrals during and after the war.

Arne Bjornhal has been hired by the national government to collect old dancing tunes and other instrumental music. He has just finished his collection of Satesdalen, where he says he made a "rich harvest." Some of the tunes, from Telemark, that great storehouse of original Norwegian tunes, but they have been modified to suit the taste of the people of Satesdalen. Most of the tunes collected by Mr. Bjornhal, however, are peculiar to Satesdalen and he was greatly surprised to find that so many were the exclusive property of Satesdalen. A large proportion of the tunes are old, and it was high time that the tunes were saved from oblivion. There are but few bidders left in the village. Modern revivals have smashed the fiddles and muzzled the fiddlers. Arne Bjornhal is the only man doing this kind of work in Norway, making it "quite impossible to cover the field," he says. The music that he collects is sent to the university library for safe-keeping. Future ages may find something very valuable in these simple sheets.

A terrible scandal was avoided just in the nick of time at the recent unveiling of a Greiz monument in Bergen. The statue was wrapped in a large piece of cloth which was to be dropped at the appropriate moment. Everything was supposed to be in order. One of the attendants was too impatient, and he pulled a corner of the cloth aside to look inside. What horror! There the famous composer seemed to be standing in his night shirt! The statue had been covered with white sheeting, and the committee of arrangements had forgotten to remove it. Now the sheet was removed just in time to prevent the comical effect of Edward Grieg from being presented to admiring thousands in what appeared to be a night shirt.

Thousands of boy scouts qualified in the campaign to secure boys who would be willing to earn ten dollars during the next five months to help a prisoner-of-war, an American soldier or a soldier of our allies. The scouts welcome every practical way to have a part in this great war and to show the spirit of helpfulness to others. Not only that, but they are also to secure \$3,000,000 for the war effort.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUTS HALT PENNY FAMINE

Uncle Sam has found another real war job for his great army of scout-uniformed boys. They are to be organized into a "penny brigade" and will make one grand charge to help relieve the penny famine.

No longer need the little lad, brave in his boy scout uniform, watch with envy his more fortunate brother who has donned the khaki of his country. He can do his part at home, as he did in the Liberty Loan canvass.

Postmaster W. B. Corlie of Chicago suggests that the young patriots climb up to a certain shelf where rests the penny savings banks of the younger members of the family, usually sacred to the memory of Christmas, and have father or mother change the pennies for dollars, half-dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels. The pennies are to be spent with the butcher, the baker, the grocer and the landlady, or they may be put into circulation in any other way.

Mr. Corlie believes this outpouring of pennies from the children's banks of the country will be a big lift to Uncle Sam in meeting a problem brought about by conditions due to the war. The post office is feeling the penny shortage the same as all business houses. The government is unable to coin pennies as fast as they are needed.

SCOUTS ARE FINEST LOYALISTS.

When this affair with the wild men of Berlin is over and we begin to distribute honors and rewards, something large and magnificent will have to be struck off for the boy scouts, says the Detroit Journal. They are somewhat overshadowed today by their elders, but their labors, eager and ungrudging, are of high importance.

Is there to be a parade? The boy scouts must be called out to guard the lines and to help the police handle the crowds. Is there to be a patriotic meeting? Why, there you'll see the scouts acting as ushers and keeping the entrances cleared. The youngsters not merely march to weariness, to further the Liberty loans, but also they hustle for subscriptions themselves. There are no more practical patriots, no Americans more thorough and through American.

It will be a problem to decide what to give the scouts who are giving so greatly of their best. It cannot be anything small.

SCOUTS ALWAYS MAKE GOOD.

Since the Boy Scouts of America have taken over the responsibility of distributing the food conservation cards, I believe its success is assured, said a prominent citizen of Birmingham, Ala. "Everything that boy scouts ever have undertaken has proved a great success. The scout organization seems to bring out the very finest qualities in boys, and among the most excellent of these is their feeling of pride in responsibility and determination to meet that responsibility."

"I never yet have known a scout to fall down on a job or to fail to show up where and when he was expected to. They are a fine army of soldiers and a great bunch to have in behind any phase of the government work that such boys can manage."

ONE BOY SCOUT'S "PRAYER"

Scout A. Page of Chicago, wrote this letter to the Chicago Herald:

To the Editor: The prayer I learned at kindergarten runs through my head every morning before I'm fairly awake. The first line goes all right, but what do you think of the others? They've bothered me a lot.

Now before we work today, We must not forget to pray. To God who kept us through the night And brought us to the morning light. Help us, Lord, to like the Kaiser, And make him see he's been a miser. Not to wait till he was cut off, To learn he couldn't cut the world up.

"I'm not mad to eat, he can't digest it." ("Be nasty, too, where Huns infest it.") So help us, Lord, to smack it to him, And never stop until we "do" him.

SCOUTS HAVE A THRIFT CLUB.

The Boy Scouts Saving Club was organized by Boy Scout Troop No. 32 for all boy scout troops of Milwaukee. Only boy scouts are entitled to make a deposit.

The savings club was organized to encourage the thrift habit, which is part of the scouts' program. The club is in care of the National Exchange bank.

A bank book is issued to each scout that makes a deposit of 50 cents or more, and the account draws interest at the rate of 3 per cent.

SCOUTS FIND WHISKY CACHE.

A party of boy scouts on a hike near Hartford, Wash., discovered a cache of whisky and telephoned the police station for instructions. Capt. George Miles of Spokane directed the boys to remain there and he would send officers for the liquor.

The police greyhound went out with detectives and picked up the boys and proceeded to the cache, where they found more than 100 bottles of liquor in seven sacks, which was taken to the station.

SCOUTS HELP Y. M. C. A. FUND.

Thousands of boy scouts qualified in the campaign to secure boys who would be willing to earn ten dollars during the next five months to help a prisoner-of-war, an American soldier or a soldier of our allies. The scouts welcome every practical way to have a part in this great war and to show the spirit of helpfulness to others. Not only that, but they are also to secure \$3,000,000 for the war effort.



In anticipation of this Christmas season we hunt the markets for just such things that would best appeal to Xmas shoppers of Grayling and surrounding country. Every article must contain merit, beauty, usefulness and durability, trash was entirely eliminated. We are only going to mention a few articles in this advertisement, but ask that you come into our store and see the hundreds of fine things for yourself.

Handsone White Ivory Articles
Beautiful Cut Glass in many shapes
Perfumes of Many Odors and Artistically Bottled. Also in Bulk
A nice lot of Perfumizers--Best out
Toilet Waters of every kind
Fine Assortment of Fancy Stationery
Thermos Bottles--try the Guaranteed Unbreakable Kind
Lowney's and other Candles--in bulk and Fancy Boxes
Cigars--all the preferred brands. Also Tobacco Cigarettes and Pipes

Central Drug Store

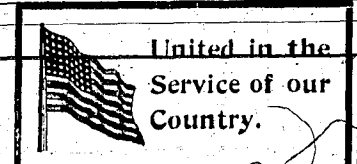
Crawford Avalanche

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.
 One Year.....\$1.50
 Six Months......75
 Three Months......40

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 20



JUST to think that one man can be the cause of all this misery of the world to-day! Arouse yourselves, people, and use every fair effort to crush this monster and the German military circle. Can you learn of the suffering and hardship of our friends across the sea without it bringing to you a heartache? If so it is because you cannot or will not fully understand. Our good American boys have joined their fortunes of war with the boys of Europe, all fighting in the common cause of Justice and Humanity. What are we doing here at home? To some, their mode of living, their usual pleasures, luxuries and comforts remain the same as before America entered the war. This is unfair. It makes no difference how much income or salary you may have, you owe it to this Nation to get right down and dig, save and sacrifice and dedicate the fruits of your savings and earnings to the cause of war. We believe that every person who willfully blocks the progress of war in any way should be brought up with a halt so sudden that their teeth will all fall out of their mouths. Then if they don't come to their right senses, they should be interned, same as a prisoner of war, and kept there until their disloyal influence may be freed from its danger.

We have no sons or daughters serving in the war but we have a lot of Crawford county lads in the service and they are entitled to every ounce of help we can give them.

Now don't wait until the sting of war comes home to you before you get into the harness, and make this war a part of your personal business by real, downright earnestness. Think of the great suffering among women and children, as well as the soldiers, in Belgium, France, Germany and the other countries due to this wholesale massacre that is going on. President Wilson and congress declared that America must enter the war in the cause of democracy, justice and humanity. It is not for any of us to say they were wrong. They have every means available for learning the truths first hand, and our judgment should be swept aside and every loyal citizen should wholly support our government in this war.

You may ask what can I do? If you don't know what you can do, go to the heads of any of the several local committees and offer them your service. No doubt they will be gladly accepted. There is the Red Cross, Food conservation committee, War savings committee, Liberty loan, Y. M. C. A. and others. These all have sub-committees that can use you. See that you are a member of the Red Cross and ask your neighbor to join. This is National Red cross week. Join before Christmas and make this a Red Cross Christmas. There are many things you can do. Just save a little more of that wheat flour, a little more fats, and a whole lot more sugar each week. Doing just a little better won't hurt any of us. Ask your friends to do the same and then practice what you preach, earnestly. The children can make most patriotic sacrifice by leaving out their home-made candies for Christmas.

To sum it all up, let all of us put our shoulders to the wheel a little stronger than ever before. Let's fight harder here at home and then on Christmas day when we say our prayers and remember our boys who are doing their part at the front, just breathe the message that the people here at home are working day and night for their protection, sharing with them their hardships and sufferings, and if necessary will give all we own thus to assure the success of the war. We must do this in the interest of that first Christmas message, "Peace on Earth, and good will toward men."

Will Aid You On Your Income Tax.

The Government is going to send out men to instruct taxpayers in preparing income tax returns. It will be up to the taxpayers to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers, and newspapers will be able to tell when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer questions, swear you to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue today said today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax returns. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points where collectors' offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income on the prescribed form, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. This and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend from 1 to 5 days in each county, very likely in the county house at the county seat town. In cities where there are collector branch offices, he will be there and in other cities, possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have a supply and will leave some with the postmaster and probably with local bankers."

"It may be stated, that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income. Personal, family or living expense is not expense in meaning of the law, the exemption covering such expenses. The new exemptions of \$1000 and \$2000 will add tens of thousands of taxpayers in this district, as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker will be required to make return and pay tax. The law requires the taxpayer to seek out the collector. The taxpayer has to go to the government, and if he doesn't within the prescribed time, the government will go to him, with its penalties."

Ice Skating Rink.
 I am going to open a first class skating rink on the flat around the greenhouse about the 20th of Dec. from that date tickets will be for sale at the greenhouse at the following prices: Season ticket for gentlemen \$3.00; for ladies \$2.00; for children \$1.00. Day tickets adults 10 cents; children 5 cents.

John H. Cook.

Announcement.
 Thomas Cassidy of the Model Bakery announces that a pretty calendar will be given away Saturday of this week, Dec. 22, to each customer.

Flashlights.
 The difference between a friend and an acquaintance is that a friend helps where an acquaintance merely advises.

Star Beams.
 Whiskers show which way the wind blows.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
 This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

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Local News

John Larson and John Benson are spending the week in Bay City.
 Miss Dora Sauve of Bay is a guest at the Mrs. L. Tetu home over Xmas.

We have a nice line of fresh vegetables--lettuce, green onions, and celery. Leave your orders early.
 H. Petersen, Grocer.

Mrs. Abraham J. Joseph returned Thursday after having spent some time in Clare, Saginaw and Mt. Pleasant, visiting friends.

The members of the Woman's club enjoyed a thimble party and pot luck supper, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Bingham's Monday evening.

Mrs. Herman Doroh was called to Tawas City Tuesday by the death of her sister, who passed away in a Bay City hospital Sunday. Her little son, Frederick accompanied her.

Mr. Holger Hanson was host to a number of ladies and gentlemen at a dinner at Shoppenagon's Inn, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Fink set up a finely appointed dinner which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Walter Doroh, who formerly took tickets at the moving picture show, suffered a painful injury Sunday, while cutting down a tree to be used as a Christmas tree. The hatchet which he was using slipped cutting off the greater part of the thumb of his left hand.

The Garment association assisted by the Red Cross committee gave a tea for the benefit of the Red Cross Saturday afternoon. Fancy Christmas articles were sold. There was a splendid attendance and receipts amounted to over twenty-eight dollars. Much credit is due the young ladies of this association.

Inspector Mrs. James H. Wingard was in Bay City last week, inspecting Circle VanBuren Circle no. 83 of the G. A. R. Mrs. Wingard went from Bay City to Ploverville where she spent a few days visiting her daughters. She was accompanied home by her daughter Edna Mosher, who will remain here indefinitely.

The port of New York is under military control, the water fronts being guarded by the Regular Army. Fully armed guards prohibit the passage of any person, alien or citizen, who can not establish a business reason for access to the waterfront areas. The same military control will be established at all other American ports and may include factories engaged in war work.

Only five days before Christmas and have you bought your Christmas seals? Call on the boy scouts or the ladies of the Good Fellowship club. They will see that you will get as many stamps as you wish. Put these seals on your parcels, letters, checks, and bills you owe--buy all you can, the money stays in Crawford Co. to help the unfortunate, who are afflicted with tuberculosis.

So come along and buy a few stamps.
 P. G. Zalsman,
 Red Cross seal agent for Crawford Co.

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD ORGANIZED.

Will Assist Registrants to Make Out Questionnaire.

A legal advisory board has been organized in Crawford county for the purpose of aiding registrants in making out their Questionnaire. The making out of the questionnaire is a very complex, even to the better informed registrants.

The legal advisory board for Crawford county consists of the following attorneys: Geo. L. Alexander, O. Palmer, Glenn Smith and Homer L. Fitch. With them are associated the following persons:

O. P. Schumann, Fred R. Welsh, Ben Hardquist, Rev. J. J. Riess, Rev. Mitchell, and Emil Geigling, Miss Anna Nelson, Mrs. Mollie Michelson, and Miss Margaret Bauman of Grayling; and James A. Kalahar and Chas. Craven of Frederic; Robert Papenfuss and Ray Owen, Lovells; J. F. Crane and Oliver B. Scott, South Branch township; and Frank Love, Beaver Creek township.

These persons have pledged their aid free of charge to any registrants who may need assistance in making out their reports. The questionnaires will be sent each registrant in regular order, 20 each day, and upon receipt of same the registrant will be allowed seven days from the date of issue in which to file his report with the local board.

Applicants should fill out the questionnaires as far as they are able before requesting assistance, however before doing so they should carefully read over the instructions on pages 2 and 3. As there is considerable work in making out one of the questionnaires, registrants are requested to be prompt in making out their reports, to avoid the rush at the last hour. This may avoid possible errors that may result to the disadvantage of the registrant.

Notice.
 On and after this date we will operate on a strictly cash basis no coal will be delivered except on C. O. D. or cash with order. Prevailing conditions necessitate this action.
 City Coal Yard
 Dec. 13-1917 J. M. Bunting, Prop.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
 This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

CHRISTMAS



Sincerely appreciative of the part your friendship and patronage has played in our progress we extend to you Christmas Greetings and our sincere good wishes.
Salling, Hanson Co.

In accordance with the old holiday custom you will want to remember those of your family and close friends with suitable gifts. Make this Christmas a sensible one and with due regard to the spirit of the times--Economy. Wearing apparel for ladies, gents and children is always deemed appropriate and appreciated. For the ladies we have a full line of

Waists, Undergarments, Hosiery, Gloves, Shoes, Slippers
 and many other desirable articles

For the men we are offering an extra desirable lot of

Ties--Four-in-Hand and Bows, Gloves, Mittens, Shoes, Hosiery and hundreds of other articles

Of course you will want to make the day one that is a little different from the usual daily custom, and the table will want to add its cheer to the family circle. We have taken special care to have on hand all the desirable articles carried in high class grocery departments that may appeal to you for the Christmas dinner

Fruits-- We have an excellent lot of choice Fresh Fruits. Also candied and preserved fruits

Salling, Hanson Co.

The Pioneer Store

The man who wears out his welcome may have some difficulty in getting another one that will fit. Philadelphia Record.

McCLARYGRAMS
 Too many excuses are an indication of no good reason.

We think some people's good manners must be good only because they have never used them.

Many a man who sets out to place something on a solid foundation, only succeeds in putting it on the rocks.

The person who puts two and two together and gets four, is a wonder; most of us do this and arrive at a result of seven or eight.

Rudeness is an effective pruning hook; but one can never be sure just where it is going to cut, and whom it is going to hurt worst.

A woman who is moderately happy can make herself supremely miserable by thinking what a really good time she might be having, if she were having it.

Courtesy is indeed one of the most profitable characteristics one can have. But like everything else, it will be found that the genuine commands an immeasurably better price than the artificial, cultivated for effect alone. McClary's Magazine.

FLASHLIGHTS

The difference between a friend and an acquaintance is that a friend helps where an acquaintance merely advises.

Mother scolds a good deal about it, but we notice that if he doesn't come in at noon with his clothing mud-covered she thinks something is the matter with him. Detroit Free Press.

Don't judge what a man was by the size of his gravestone. It's the modest grave that is visited ofttest.

The man who doubts that there's a hereafter probably doubted once that boats would ever travel under water.

A clever man probably hasn't more brains than his neighbor. He just makes better use of what he has.

STAR BEAMS

Whiskers show which way the wind blows.

One way to make an army fly is to break its wings.

The bunko man's income is merely a tax on credulity.

BIG RED CROSS SPEAKERS BUREAU

State Speakers of Prominence Helping With Christmas Membership Drive.

Detroit--A state speakers bureau which will insure able speakers for every community of Michigan is just one of the campaign plans which is rapidly nearing perfection, according to an announcement made today at state headquarters of the American National Red Cross. The work of lining up the speakers' organization has been done under the direction of Paul H. King, director of publicity, and the message of the Christmas membership drive will be carried the length and breadth of Michigan, Mr. King says.

Already more than 100 speakers of state prominence have been signed for duty in both the Lower and Upper Peninsula, the list including leading business and professional men. Detroit has contributed about half these men, but all sections of the state are represented in the list.

Besides these speakers, there will be a large corps of four-minute men in every local community. While many of the latter will confine their efforts to brief explanations of the purpose of the drive in motion picture theaters, churches and other like gathering places, many of them under Mr. King's direction will carry the message of the Red Cross Christmas membership drive to mass meetings and other special gatherings. Ward N. Choate, State Chairman of the Four-Minute Men, and the local chairmen and members throughout the state are giving splendid cooperation.

"Of course it would be impossible for Detroit speakers, for instance, to go away out in the Upper Peninsula for a mass meeting, but our organization is such that, regardless of where the gathering to be held, we will have a capable talker available," said Mr. King, today. "We believe that by sending men but where distances we can cover the entire state on short notice, and stand ready to receive requests from local organizations in any part of Michigan at any time."

Children as Red Cross Workers.
 Children in the public schools throughout the country are to help the cause of the Red Cross. Many of the simple articles and supplies needed in the hospitals will be made in the ordinary course of their school work, and this material contribution to the comfort of our soldiers will be of great importance.

On all sides, however, are to be found evidences that both parties have begun to realize the fullness of endless friction. Industrial Conservation, New York.

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No ad. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

FOR SALE--Steel kitchen Range and dining table. Earl Polan, south side. Address general delivery, Grayling. 12-20-2.

FOR SALE--One work horse, 11 years old, weight 1300 lbs. Sound and gentle. John Knecht, Sigbee, Mich. 12-20-2.

FOR SALE--One new milch cow, cheap. Inquire of F. H. Mills, Grayling. 12-20-3.

WORK WANTED--After school and Saturdays, by young man. Inquire of Avalanch office. 12-20-3.

FOR SALE--Three year old, sorrel horse weight 1250 pounds. Inquire of Mrs. John Hanna, Beaver Creek. 12-13-4.

WANTED--Desirable place for girl of nine years to board and go to school from Sunday to Saturday nights. Write or phone Geo. Brown, Military Reservation. 12-20-3.

WOOD FOR SALE--Dry Jack-Pine Phone 1 long, 1 short, and 1 long Ralph Hanna, Beaver Creek, P. O. Grayling. 12-20-3.

FOR SALE--A piece of land on T. Town road adjoining M. C. R. R. tracks approx 28 acres. I will sell this at a real bargain to close out my interests in this vicinity. Address J. W. Overton, R. F. D. No. 1 Flint Mich. 12-20-3.

TWO ROOMS--To rent, partly furnished. Mrs. O. Corwin. 12-20-3.

STRAYED--A black yearling bull with straight horns with a notch on the left ear. Please notify Louis Delaire, Frederic, Mich. 11-29-3.

NICE CLEAN cotton wiping rags wanted at the Avalanch office. Will pay 5 cents per pound.

HOW TO SAVE A BILLION A YEAR
 Co-operation Between Wage-Earners and Wage-Payers Will Save an Enormous Loss.

There is an estimated waste of a billion dollars annually in industry in the United States, due to labor troubles. This billion dollars could better be employed to the advantage of both the man who hires and the man who is hired. Capital can gain no advantage by fighting labor, and labor can gain no advantage fighting capital. The result of the battle is always an expensive draw.

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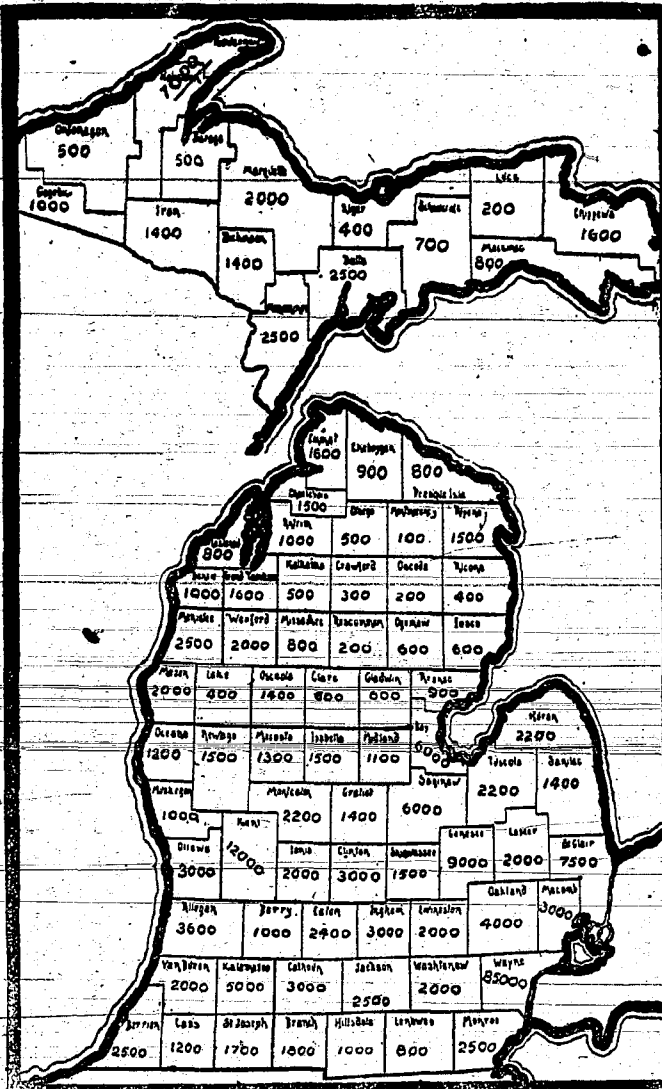
FOR QUICK RESULTS USE OUR WANT COLUMN--The Cost Is Small.

SUGGESTIONS For CHRISTMAS

Head Lettuce, lb.. 35c	Apples, pk..... 75c	Mince Meat, 5 lb. stone jar..... 1.25
Leaf Lettuce, lb.... 25c	Sweet Potatoes, lb 10c	Yellow Tree Peaches, can..... 40c
Tomatoes, lb..... 30c	Cranberries, qt.... 20c	Royal Anne Cherries, can..... 45c
Celery, bunch..... 10c	Preserves, tall jar.. 45c	Pumpkin and Spinach, can..... 20c
Radishes, bunch... 5c	Jams, Richelieu b'd 35c	Candies all kinds and Prices.....
Grapes, lb..... 15c	Jellies, 15c and... 25c	
Bananas, lb..... 8c	Marmalades, all k'ds 35c	
Green Peppers 5c	Grape Juice, qt..... 50c	
each, doz..... 40c	Plum and Fig Pudding, lb, can.... 60c	
Oranges, doz..... 40c	Olives, qt..... 50c	
Grape Fruit, 2 for. 25c	Corn, Richelieu b'd 22c	
Tangerines, doz... 40c		

We Have Special Sales on Some Things Saturday
THE SANITARY STORE and OLD MASTER COFFEE

THE SIMPSON CO. GROCERS

COUNTY QUOTAS FOR THE RED CROSS
CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

This map shows very graphically the number of NEW members which each Red Cross Chapter in the State is expected to secure in the Christmas "drive," each chapter to hold its present membership and to secure the number indicated in addition. The State is fully organized, each county having one principal chapter and as many branches as it may form. There are 500,000 members of the Red Cross in Michigan today—the goal of the campaign is 750,000 by Christmas Eve. LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELP TO SWELL THE TOTAL.

Date, December.....1917

MRS. OLAF MICHELSON, Sec'y.,
Grayling, Mich.I hereby apply for membership in the Crawford County
Chapter-American Red Cross and enclose \$.....
(\$1.00 or more.)

Name.....

Address.....

This year we are showing the largest and finest
assortment of

XMAS CANDIES

ever shown in town.

We have a complete line of Nuts, Popcorn, Popcorn Balls, Dates and Figs and don't forget to order a box of Barnum's Animals for the children. We have 200 boxes at the lowest prices.

Our Grocery Department

Is complete and up-to-date and we can surely fill your order to the best of satisfaction. Remember we handle a complete line of Bakery Goods fresh every day from HORNKOHL'S BAKERY of Manistee.

P. S.—Make this Xmas the happiest one you have had in years by leaving your order at

We will have a complete line of green stuffs for the Holiday trade—Lettuce, Green Onions, etc. Leave your order early.

PETERSEN'S

The store that gives QUALITY, SERVICE, PRICE
PHONE ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED

WANT A GOOD POSITION?
PREPARE FOR ONE IN PROSPEROUS DETROIT BY ATTENDING
SCHOOL AT THE
DETROIT Business University
SEND FOR FREE BULLETIN (6-23-65-67, 68 WEST GRAND RIVER AVE.)

Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Make this a Red Cross Christmas—Join today.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNeven were in Bay City Monday.

Miss Odie Sheehy returned Saturday from a week's stay in Bay City.

Charles Abbott of the Lewis Drug store is at home entertaining the mumps.

Russell Robertson has returned from an extended visit with his sister in Detroit.

Henry Joseph returned Tuesday from a business trip to Detroit and other cities.

Mrs. U. R. Layman, Mrs. George Burke, Misses Celia Callahan and Jessie Reynolds all of Frederic were Grayling callers Monday.

Earl McMahon has resigned his position at the local Express office and has left for Detroit to make his home. Louis Burton is filling the position.

You are cordially invited to attend a Band dance at the Temple theatre Friday night, Dec. 21st music by Clark's full orchestra and band. Price 35c per couple.

Leo Miller, who has been employed at the Landsberg store here and lately at the Cosmopolitan restaurant, returned Wednesday of last week to his home in West Branch.

John Bugbee, employed at the DuPont Co. plant, as time-keeper, had the misfortune to fall down the back step of his home, last Thursday morning, dislocating one of his shoulders.

Crawford County needs 300 more Red Cross members—Join today. Apply at Bank of Grayling, Bank of Frederic or Mrs. Olaf Michelson, and receive a Red Cross button and service flag.

Red Cross members are requested to display their service flags and on Christmas eve place a lighted candle or electric light behind it. If you haven't received yours notify Mrs. Olaf Michelson, secretary, at once.

On a complaint made by sheriff Cody, J. M. Bunting, a local coal dealer was arrested for selling coal short weight. He was tried in justice court before a jury and found guilty, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.00 and costs, amounting in all to \$72.29. The complaint arose over a load of coal that was delivered to Ernest Richards at the Cosmopolitan restaurant, Monday December 10, purporting to weigh a ton. Mr. Richards doubted its weight and called sheriff Cody to investigate it. Borrowing a pair of scales sheriff Cody weighed the coal and found that at the time there was only 1292 pounds. The coal was delivered by Clarence VanAmburg, who swore on the stand that there was 2,000 pounds delivered, but said that there was considerable snow and ice in the load, and remarked to Mr. Richards, after an argument over the quantity, that if he waited a couple of days there wouldn't be half a ton, inferring that the ice and snow by that time would be melted. This he stated on the stand, was only said as a joke. He claimed Mr. Bunting directed him that he should not make any allowance for snow and ice. Sheriff Cody said Mr. Bunting told him after he had been arrested, "he wished he had come and seen him perhaps they could have fixed it up." Mr. VanAmburg said that he was ordered to go and get the coal and when he got there Mr. Richards wouldn't let him have it. On the stand Mr. Bunting stated that he wanted to take it back and weigh it. He claimed he directed his teamster to deliver a full ton and if there was a shortage he had no knowledge of it. The defense based their claims on the fact that Mr. Bunting knew nothing of the shortage, and also that the scales used by the sheriff might have been incorrect, and that some of the coal may have been used before the sheriff weighed it. Mr. Bunting states that he will appeal the case to circuit court.

"Do your bit" by conserving your nervous energy thru the use of Hathaway's glasses.

Mrs. Will J. Graham returned Saturday from Bay City after a short visit with her sister, Miss Celia Si-vrais.

James Compton of Mullet Lake, left on Tuesday for Detroit, where he expects to enlist, preferably in the aviation corps.—Cheboygan Democrat.

Mr. Compton is well-known in this city especially among the railroad employees.

Every postal employee in the United States has been instructed to take an active part in the campaign for the sale of war-savings stamps. In order to reach the desired sales mark of \$2,000,000,000 by January 1, 1919, it will be necessary to sell sufficient stamps to average \$16.50 for each man, woman, and child in the country.

Get your tires and tubes at Burke's garage.

High School Five Defeats All City.

In a fast and rough game at the High school gymnasium Friday evening, marked by good defensive work on the part of the school team, the High school five defeated the All City, a quintet of veterans, by the score of 20-19. True to advance, dope the game was close and rough. It was evident from the opening minutes of the game that foot ball ability was to play an important part in deciding the contest. Playing nip-and-tuck, the High school team came from behind in the final minutes and decided the game with two field baskets and a free throw.

Conch Cane is working the members of the high school team to the limit in preparation for their next two games with Alpena and Bay City Eastern.

Loring referee and Cane as emcee handled the game with complete satisfaction. Summary:

ALL CITY HIGH SCHOOL:
McDermid.....L. F.....Chamberlin
Milnes.....R. F.....Meistrup
Johnson.....C.....Thompson
Hewitt.....L. G.....Papendick
Shannahan.....R. G.....Case
Burton.....Utility.....Roeser
Bates, Scorer.

The high school second team defeated the All City second team 26 to 18. Roeser and McClain starred for the high school and Charlefour for All City second teams.

Goodfellowship Club Notes.

The club met with Miss Isabel Case.

The meeting was very interesting even though there was a small attendance.

The roll call, current events brought out our present conditions.

Mrs. Marius Hanson read several selections from Edgar Guest.

President Wilson's recent address to congress was read and discussed. The meeting adjourned until January 7th.

Some Safety Thoughts For The Xmas Season.

The Christmas season, that period of the year when joy and happiness should reign supreme and gladness should never be dimmed by accidents or adversity is now knocking at our door and will be there almost before we are ready for it.

At this time before we enter into the preparation for the holidays and before the time we will be permitted to participate in the various Christmas time events it may be well for us to stop and think quietly just a minute or two over some simple rules for safety.

That Christmas tree. Do not decorate it with flimsy material hung too near candles or lights.

Santa Claus bring a little discretion with you from the far north. Long cotton whiskers and inflammable garments and a burning candle are a bad combination.

Do not use decorations near candles or too near lights of any kind.

Mr. Merchant examine the wiring which may lead to lights used for decorative purposes.

Do not leave small children alone with Christmas trees on which are hung lighted candles.

Electricity should be used where possible for decorative purposes.

Cut out where possible the use of flimsy material for decorations.

Avoid mechanical toys that require alcohol or gasoline.

Do not use cotton to secure a snow effect. Mineral wool or asbestos would be better to use in your decorative scheme.

Keep the matches away from the children.

Caution "Dad" or "Brother" to be careful with their cigar or cigarette stubs.

Let the home or the store be warm but look out for over heated stoves or pipes.

Let's have a Christmas without a single thing or regret to mar it.

Branan's Greeting

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you health and prosperity for the coming year.

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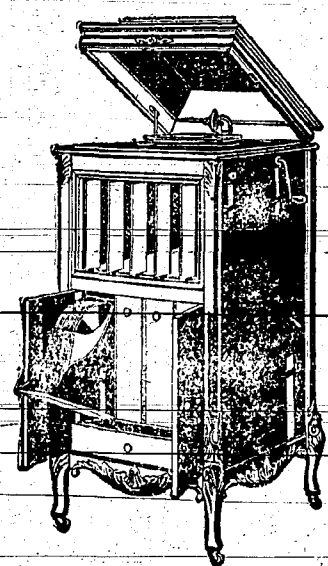
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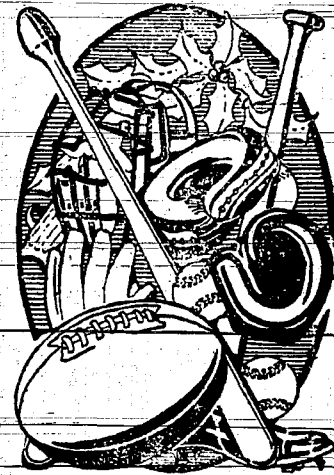
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FREDERIC NEWS

Merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Forbush expect to spend Xmas at Grayling, at the home of the latter's parents, Mrs. J. Cameron.

The Misses Salome Forbush and Erma Craven, spent Saturday in Grayling.

Mrs. Geo. Horton and Mrs. Gus Smith, were called to Grayling Tuesday by the serious illness of their father, Mr. J. Karues.

Miss Mae McDermid spent Monday in Gaylord.

The dance given Thursday evening of last week was a great success, and everyone reported a good time.

Ask E. P.

Earl Barber, third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber, left last Wednesday to join the Navy. Good luck to Earl.

L. A. Gardner, has returned from a week's visit in Detroit.

Leo and J. Mattat of Waters were in town Saturday evening calling on Miss Bigham and Miss Torbis.

Has anyone heard of the discovery Max Tobin made last week? Sam Courtney Jr. is in town this week.

Mrs. Saperston, of Alba visited her sister, Mrs. Abraham this week.

Earl and Vern Wallace of Detroit, will visit their mother Mrs. C. R. Wallace, during the holidays.

The teachers expect to leave Friday night for their homes, to spend the holidays.

James Kalahar, was a Grayling caller, Monday.

Mrs. D. McDermid and Mrs. Geo. Burke were Grayling callers Saturday.

Mrs. H. Sellwell, of Gaylord, was a caller here this week.

Mrs. B. J. Callahan, and son Ted, made a business trip to Gaylord Monday.

Miss Paris made a business trip to Grayling Tuesday.

FOR QUICK RESULTS USE OUR WANT COLUMN—The Cost is Small.

Ladies' National League Field Annual Election.

Thursday evening, Dec. 20, the Ladies' National League held their annual election of officers, and the following were appointed to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. Nellie Corwin.
1st Vice president—Mrs. Edna Brown.

2nd Vice president—Mrs. C. E. Johnson.

Secretary—Mrs. Prudence Marshall.

Treasurer—Mrs. Agnes Havens.

Chaplain—Mrs. Myrtle Corwin.

Marshall—Mrs. Emma Knibbs.

Asst. Marshall—Mrs. Lizzie Serven.

Sentinel—Mrs. Lura Colten.

Pickett—Mrs. Della Isenhardt.

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes.

Services are held in the "Danebod" every Sunday. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Notice To Our Subscribers.

Because of business conditions it is either necessary to increase the subscription rate to the Avalanche or to reduce the size and quality or take some other action to insure its financial success.

Neither of the first two plans appeal to us, and therefore for the present we have decided that beginning January 1, every subscription must be paid in advance. This will eliminate collection expenses and avoid losses that sometimes occur. January 1, all subscriptions not paid in advance will be discontinued. In the future ample notice will be given before your subscription expires.

Please observe the date on your address and if your subscription is about to expire, or has expired, renew at once so as not to miss any numbers. One thing we assure is that the quality of the Avalanche will remain the same or improve.

O. P. SCHUMANN,
Publisher.

12-13-3.

NEW DELIVERY SCHEDULE

To save time and expense it becomes necessary to schedule a time for delivering, as follows:

Round trip starts 7:00 o'clock a. m.
North Side 8:30
South Side 9:30
North Side, last trip 10:30

AFTERNOON AS FOLLOWS:

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South Side 3:30
North Side, last trip 4:30

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A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS



LET YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS BE RED CROSS MEMBERSHIPS THIS YEAR.

"It was a happy thought that suggested the idea of combining the spirit of the Red Cross with that of Christmas. Both involve service and sacrifice, helpfulness and humanity. Let us make this a Red Cross Christmas."

—Governor Sleeper's Proclamation.

RED CROSS WORK SAVES SOLDIERS FOR NEXT SPRING

MEN AT FRONT ARE HEARTENED BECAUSE THEIR FAMILIES ARE CARED FOR.

GENERAL PERSHING CO-OPERATES

American Leader and Gen. Pershing Aid in Relieving Distress, Thereby Keeping Up the Morale of the Army.

That the work which the Red Cross is doing in France to alleviate suffering among the families of Frenchmen who are fighting at the front represents a saving of 1,500,000 men is the opinion of William Allen White, noted writer and owner of the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, who has just returned from France.

"It is not probable that our army in France will get into the fighting to any large extent until next spring. The real war work that should interest the people of America this winter is of an economic rather than of a military character. It will be carried on by the Red Cross in France, its purpose being to relieve needy conditions in the homes of French soldiers who are in winter quarters in the trenches at the front.

Comfort Women and Children.

"It is felt by the military officers of both nations that nothing could do more to keep up the morale of the French soldiers during the coming winter than to bring comfort to women and children at home. The soldiers' knowledge that their families are being well cared for will take a great load off his mind and hearten him to stand up against privation which otherwise might break his spirit and render him of no physical use.

"Mr. Grayson, M. P. Murphy of the Red Cross, Gen. Pershing and Gen. Petain of France are working in unison to perfect the plans for the relief of families of soldiers, the military commanders believing that it will be of the greatest benefit to both armies. It should be kept in mind that every soldier who is saved this winter means the saving of an American boy when the big drive begins next spring. Some American boy will have to take the place of every Frenchman who is killed or who breaks down under the strain.

"This particular relief work means therefore, that French soldiers will be saved for work in the spring and American lives will be conserved at the same time.

CHRISTMAS RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP PLAN COMPLETE

State Organization Ready for Big Campaign—Goal 750,000 By Christmas Eve.

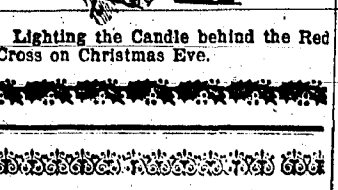
Detroit—The machinery is all being assembled and oiled, the plans are being given to the campaign plans for the big "Christmas Drive" of the Red Cross in Michigan. Beginning official Monday morning, December 17, the entire strength of the state organization is to be turned loose on the citizenship of the commonwealth with a membership for the Red Cross of 750,000 people.

"And we're going to win," says Sidney T. Miller, Chairman of the Michigan Red Cross. We simply must not fail, and with the careful preparations made for an enthusiastic, intensive campaign, I do not see how we can do other than gain success. The responses we have had thus far to our appeal for assistance have been glorious; Michigan people are as intent on going 'over the top' in this campaign as they have been in every other they have participated in.

"The plans for the drive are comprehensive. We hope that every citizen in the state will have an organization for every one of its blocks of residence and business places. Tons of publicity literature, designed to educate every last person in the state as to the purpose of the drive, are going out daily. Posters, cards, service flags—everything is ready and awaiting only the word to go. Churches and schools are taking up the work in a most satisfactory manner. Nothing less than three-quarters of a million members in Michigan will satisfy the state organization, and I'm confident we will have gained our goal when the campaign closes on Christmas Eve."

Lighting the Candle behind the Red Cross on Christmas Eve.

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Doing Nicely at M. A. C.

East Lansing, Mich. Dec. 11, 1917.

Mr. Rasmus Hanson, Grayling, Mich. Dear Mr. Hanson: Just finished studying for tonight, so I will write you a letter and tell you about school. Have been so busy for the last few weeks that I haven't written to anyone.

Last week I was initiated into the Trimora Literary Society. The members of this society are all engineers. For initiation they gave me several difficult engineering problems to solve. They gave me those problems to solve, so they could determine how much I knew about engineering. I sat up late nights until I found a solution for them and I made good. When I handed in my problems and answers, they marked them 100% and believe me I was glad. There were four other boys also given problems to solve and they did equally as well. There are several other very good societies here at College; I chose the Trimora because they deal with engineering work mostly.

My work at school is going very good with me. Next week the term closes, and as final examinations come in that week, I'm kept busy reviewing the term's work. I feel confident that I will get through in everything.

Winter, I think has set in for good down here. There is lots of snow and the thermometer registers zero weather.

School closes Friday noon, Dec. 21. Respectfully yours, Axel J. Peterson.

The Printer's Night Out!

A sale bill bearing the signature of "Will Quit Work" has been going the rounds of the press and purports to be a Missouri auction sale, giving evidence of what queer combinations can be made by a printer who is suffering from the effects of a night out and badly pies the galley.

The bill announcing the sale includes the following list: Twenty-five good cows, broke to work; 41 head of cultivators, coming in soon; 10 head of shoveling hoars, with scoops by side; 8 piano mares; 120 rods canvas belting, better than new; De Laval cow, with ice-cream attachment; McCormick binder, in foal; Poland China bobsled, due to farrow in April; 14 head of chickens, with grassed attachment, in good working order; 2 J. I. C. riding heifers, good as new; spraying outfit, can be ridden or driven by children; 15 billy goats, 70 bushels capacity, with spraying nozzle and other attachments; many other articles too numerous to mention, which I expect to get at night between now and date of sale.

How Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be ward off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

The Girl He Left Behind.

We used to think her frivolous, you know parents are a little quick to see the faults and petty ways that mar. The girl their son is fond of and may choose to make his wife, a little over-jealous of the one who'd share his life. But the girl he left behind him when he bravely marched away has blossomed into beauty that we see and need today.

She was with us at the depot and we turned our backs awhile. And her eyes were sad and misty though she tried her best to smile. Then she put her arm round mother and it seemed to me as though they just grew to love each other for they shared a common woe. Now she often comes to see us, and it seems to me we find a heap of comfort in the girl he left behind.

"She's so sensible and gentle," mother said last night to me, "and I like to have her near us, for she understands my sighs, and I see my brave boy smiling when I look into her eyes." Now the presence of his sweetheart seems to fill our home with joy. She's no longer young and flighty—she's the girl who loves our boy.

FRANK LACEY.

Bat. D. 121st H. F. D.

Crawford County Boys in Service.

Following are the names and addresses of some of our Crawford County boys now in the National army and other departments.

At Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.: Walter Barton, Co. B, 310th Engineers, Barracks 934.

Lee Schmalz, Co. I, 337th Inf. William Harger, Co. I, 337th Inf. Samuel Cantrell, Co. I, 337th Inf. Loren Moon, Co. I, 337th Inf. Judson McCormick, Co. I, 337th Inf. William Page, Co. I, 337th Inf. Charles A. Hawley, Co. I, 337th Inf. John Middleton, Co. G, 337th Inf. Lemuel Corning, Co. G, 337th Inf. Daniel C. Babbitt, Co. G, 337th Inf. Daniel H. Williams, Co. G, 337th Inf. John D. Lammiman, Co. G, 337th Inf.

Ford Middleton, Co. I, 337th Inf. Robert Roblin, Co. G, 337th Inf. Floyd Taylor, Co. G, 337th Inf. Felix Pukysta, Co. G, 337th Inf. Ransom Burgess, Barracks 43, Reg. 337.

A. C. McIntyre, Co. I, 337th Inf.

At Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas: Corp. Harry Hemmingson, Co. H, 125th U. S. Inf. Corp. Will Laurent, Co. H, 125th U. S. Inf. Leo Jorgenson, Battery F, 119th Reg. U. S. F. A. Arthur Carrievan, Field Hospital, No. 128, 32nd Division.

Louis Bennett, Co. B, 120th Machine Gun Battalion. Shirlaw Dyer, Battery F, 119th Reg. U. S. F. A.

Roy Cruickshank, 2nd Battalion, Headquarters Detachment. Frank P. Babbitt, Co. H, 125th Inf.

Clyde Hum, Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts, Det. Enlisted Ordnance Corps National Army.

Carl G. Johnson, U. S. S. President Grant, New York City. Hardin C. Sweeney, 1st Lieut. 43rd Inf., Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Direct News From Our Soldiers Overseas.

Harriman & Company take pleasure in announcing that the courtesy of the Statistical division of the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C., have been extended to them and that, on request they will at any time make inquiries without expense over their private wire to their Washington offices regarding the condition or fate of sick or wounded soldiers from Michigan in active service overseas. This does not include men in the Navy or Marine Corps. No information will be furnished regarding the movement of troops or the location of any particular unit or organization. It is requested that all applications for information be made at Harriman & Company's Detroit offices in person or by letter, not by telephone.

FIRST "WAR CHRISTMAS"

It is our first Christmas in the War. Millions of our boys are away from their homes, in camps, on the sea, and in the trenches. Let your Red Cross banner wave from holy wreath and Christmas green to show that you and yours are enlisted in its service.

Light the Red Cross Christmas candle and let its rays light up the folds of the emblem of mercy; and this:

Bind in inseparable union the Christmas spirit of service and the Red Cross mission of humanity.

The Red Cross has 5,000,000 Members. It needs 15,000,000 Members. That means 10,000,000 new Members.

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Letter From Arthur McIntyre.

Wednesday Morning, Camp Custer.

Dear Editor:—Each week when the Avalanche reaches us we immediately read it from first to last pages and every item is of great interest. The letters from the boys at Waco and elsewhere are especially interesting as we do not know when we may be among those sent to one of those camps. In the last few days several of the newer men have gone to Georgia.

We are experiencing some fine winter weather, the thermometer registering ten below last Sunday morning. Our company was on guard last Saturday and Sunday and a number of the men were reported at the hospital with frozen ears and hands. When one is walking fast with a rifle it's rather hard to keep hands and ears warm, unless one has mittens and a helmet.

There were about a dozen scarfs in the store room but these did not go all the way around, and those not having any covering for the ears found that they were frozen.

A good many of the fellows have received sweaters from friends, (Mrs. C. P. Michelson of Mason, Mich. sent me one and it sure is fine) and those that had no sweaters were given one. Each company received about sixty sent out by the Red Cross. The people back home, I don't believe, know how these are appreciated, but they are prized even more than one might think.

At present the company is drilling in barracks. Very little is done outside the school of the soldier and manual of arms. There is a rumor out to the effect that this division will move by February 1st, or sooner, because the weather is prohibitive of drill.

The new men have their uniforms now and the change it makes in some is remarkable.

We have a banjo, violin and guitar in our barracks now and each night we have a dance or some of the fellows sing or play, and we have some very credible performers. It is surprising to see the change it makes in the men when someone starts to play; some of the men are quite blue and have that faraway look which is soon lost when the music starts.

Was over to see Robert Roblin and the rest of the fellows last night but they were to a lecture. Pat O'Reagan was sent to Texas yesterday with a bunch from the depot brigade.

I am going to automatic rifle school now. Have been for the past month and it's quite funny as we go to school in a little white country school house where not many months ago the "young ones" learned their A. B. C's. Yesterday we were out map making and this morning we go on the range. It is very interesting and at the end

of the course those passing the "exam" will be instructors.

Passes of four days will be issued at Christmas but not all of us get one, only 50% being allowed to go and 25% the first four days and 25% the last four days the time being the 22th to the 30th.

Very Sincerely,

A. C. McIntyre, Co. I, 337th Inf., Camp Custer, Mich.

Letter From Leo Jorgenson.

Camp MacArthur, Dec. 9, 1917.

Mr. Editor, Dear Sir:—I have not seen any letters in your paper from the boys that are at Camp Custer, so I thought I would drop you a few lines.

Everything is fine at Camp MacArthur we go out mounted every 3rd half day, as we had not enough horses we used some of the other batteries' horses and they use some of ours. Last Friday when we were out mounted, the wind was blowing awfully; on the way home we had the wind in our faces it was something fierce.

That night we got orders to put all the fires out of our tents as there was going to be a windstorm. Some of the boys went to the Y. M. C. A. to keep warm, and some went to bed.

Next morning it was sure cold, everybody had on their overcoats, and we drilled with them on, so you can imagine how cold it was.

We had a good Thanksgiving dinner: turkey, mashed and sweet potatoes, cake, two kinds of pie, coffee, lemonade, three kinds of fruit and a few more things that goes to make a good dinner. We only had two meals that day, that was enough.

We have been getting lots of new horses in our Regiment. We have at present 157 in our Battery and expect to get a few more. That will mean work for us fellows.

I see in your paper where another bunch of boys left for Camp Custer; I hope they had as good a time as we did when we left. And that the people of Crawford Co. are doing their part for the Y. M. C. A.

Well must close as it is getting near bed time.

Yours Truly,

Leo Jorgenson, Bat. F, 119th F. A. Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas.

Lieutenant Hardin Sweeney at Camp Pike.

Camp Pike, Arkansas, December 2, 1917.

Dear Mother and all:—The dull routine proceeds, we are still doing duty as guard and fatigue squads. Little Rock does not improve, instead it gets worse with age. Margaret's candy was very nice. It

is always fresh and nice upon arrival. The raisins or figs I could not tell which were all dried out, so were only a waste.

How are the people of Grayling standing the war and draft? The paper is always optimistic. Everywhere I have been lately seems to possess a spirit of let's win.

I have received several letters from Louis Bennett; it seems that he has been under German fire several times. In fact I knew we had troops in the trenches before the papers ever mentioned the fact.

Thanksgiving was very tame for me. I was under the weather slightly and did not possess very exuberant spirits.

The company is still in quarantine, scarlet fever and measles. It really does not amount to very much. There is not very much news. But this will let you know I am alive and well.

Your Son, Hardin.

Camp Pike, Ark. Dec. 13, 1917.

Dear mother and all:—Your letter received some few days ago. Have had plenty of time to answer but must have had a chronic case of laziness as I have hardly done anything except what was absolutely necessary.

The weather here is nearly as cold as at home. The sunny south has turned cold. The papers to-day have stated that the Arkansas river was frozen over for the first time in twelve years.

The regiment continues to do guard duty. It is awful cold to walk post but when I made a midnight inspection the other evening every sentry was a walking post. That shows the moral of the troops is very good.

If is very near the holidays now. Everybody is preparing for them. I intended to put in for a leave in order to come home, but so many others tried that it would leave the regiment short of officers so decided to wait until a more favorable time.

I know some very fine people in Little Rock and they have invited me to Xmas dinner so the Holidays will not be so lonesome.

Drill and training has dropped considerably due to excessive guard duty. So everybody finds an excessive amount of time on their hands. Look for a letter soon.

Your son and brother, Hardin.

P. S.—Be sure and address, 43rd Inf. Camp Pike.

Announcement.

Thomas Cassidy of the Model Bakery announces that a pretty calendar will be given away Saturday of this week, Dec. 22, to each customer.

Our First Christmas in Grayling

This Christmas season finds us nicely located in a fine store building, in the New Hotel block, where we are enabled to extend to our customers a service in Shoes for ladies and gentlemen and Gents' Furnishing Goods that is superior to any in Crawford county.

It gives us much pleasure and pride in our new establishment, when we know that you will at once feel at home here and find that your confidence is growing with each visit. We want to do everything we can to make this your store and so conduct it as to meet your hearty approval. We intend to carry in stock just such quality of merchandise as you desire, and then when you come into our store we want you to have our most careful attention and service.

And we want this Christmas time to be one of good cheer, and through the veil of sorrow that extends from the battle fields of France to the many homes in our fair land, may soon the sunshine of Peace and Happiness be once more beaming. While we are contributing a word of cheer to our boys in service, let us also add a few words of cheer for the folks at home. We wish you and yours the best that the Yuletide of 1917 may offer.

A Few Gift Suggestions

Christmas is next Tuesday and you will want to remember the folks at home with good, serviceable gifts, and we wish to suggest our lines of

Beautiful Ties Dress Shirts Silk Shirts
Gloves and Mittens Men's Handkerchiefs Comfortable Slippers
Dress and every day Shoes Elegant and serviceable Hand Bags,
Grips and Trunks Queen Quality Shoes, the most elegant
shoes on the market. Many other lines not here mentioned

Max Landsberg

Patronize the Merchants that Advertise, and tell them you saw their ad in the Avalanche—it identifies you.

Useful Presents

Articles that have a lasting value and extend the joys of Xmas day for the many days that follow. We will help you make every nickle count.

Fountain Pens

The celebrated Schaffer and other well known makes. \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Cameras and Photo Supplies

A camera is a necessary article in every home. It is a history recorder that is reliable and accurate. Buy at least one camera for the home this Xmas.

Books and Magazines

The latest fiction and current publications. Books always make good presents. Read "Over the Top" by Empey. The most popular book of the year.

Stationery

We never had so fine a line of stationery in our store. It is handsome and you will want some. Come soon.

An Elegant Line of Xmas Greeting Cards and Xmas Seals

Crepe and Tissue Papers in all shades

Candy



Christmas is not complete without candy. We offer almost every desirable quality.

Thermos Bottles

All sizes and prices, ranging from \$1.50 to \$5.00 each.

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These are handsome and most useful articles. Mirrors, Trays, Combs, Brushes, Buffers, Manicures, Picture Frames and Novelties.

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All the leading makes and designs. Prices from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Soda Fountain

Our Soda Fountain dispenses many delicious dishes. Try our ice cream.

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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Make it a Conklin pen for Xmas. Hathaway has them.

Mrs. Peter Brown is recovering from an acute attack of indigestion.

Mrs. Guy Pringle returned Monday from a ten-day's visit in Bay City and Detroit.

We have a special sale on ladies' and children's hats. Call in and see us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Russell of Newberry, visited their son, Wm. E. Russell and wife, first of the week.

Miss Margaret Joseph arrived Monday from her school duties at Milwaukee, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Joseph.

The Christmas season is again here—and the store windows of the various merchants have on their holiday array. Our enterprising merchants are ready to serve the public in their Christmas needs, and almost all have advertisements in this issue making a number of suggestions, especially to the late shopper. Buy at home, and buy early.

Miss Eureka Deckrow and Mr. John Stephan Jr., were united in marriage Friday evening of last week by Rev. Aaron Mitchell. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Deckrow, and Mr. Stephan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephan Sr., who reside down the Ausable. The young couple expect to make their home in Grayling.

To close the very eventful Masonic year of 1917, Grayling Lodge No. 356 has arranged a "Past Master's Night" for Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Past Masters will be in full charge of the Lodge, two candidates, work third degree; presentation Life membership certificate; presentation of Past Master's apron; twelve Past masters have agreed to take part from labor to refreshment after the work is completed. All Masons are requested to be present.

Constable Mike Brenner had a narrow escape last night when a stranger whom he was taking to the county jail, suddenly jerked away from him and deliberately fired two shots at him, one bullet striking the officer in the neck just below the right chin and coming out just back of the place it entered. The wound is not a serious one, and after having it dressed by a local surgeon, Mr. Brenner continued on the beat for the remainder of the night. Had it not been for the prompt action of the officer in knocking his assailant down with his club, no doubt there would have been a fatal casualty to report today. The man was landed in jail and will have to answer to a serious charge. He was in town with an extra railroad crew, and yesterday attempted to pass a forged check. Mr. Brenner considers himself fortunate for had the bullet gone a half inch further to the left it would have hit a vital spot.



Only three more actual shopping days to do your Christmas gift buying, and this practical gift store still offers you unlimited selections in Holiday goods.

GLOVES

A very appropriate present for anyone.

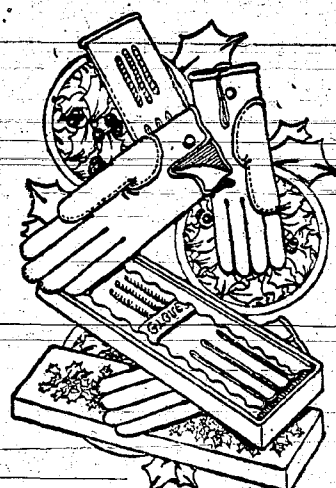
Men's fine dress gloves \$1.25 to \$3.00.

Wool gloves 35c to 75c.

Auto gloves \$1.75 to \$6.00.

Ladies' dress gloves in washable kid, lined silk, cashmere and wool.

A complete line of children's wool mitts at 25c.



HOSIERY

in silk, wool and cotton.

Men's at 15c to 50c.

Ladies' hose at 25c to \$2.00. A line worth seeing, in silk, in black, white and colors.

Children's and infants' stockings in wool or fleeced, at lowest prices.



Very Suitable and Acceptable Gifts for Men

Caps 50c to \$3.50

Comfy Slippers 75c to 2.00

Ties 25c to 1.50

Mufflers 75c to 3.50

Suspenders and Garter Sets 50c

Bath Robes \$4.00 to 6.00

Flannel Gowns 75c to 1.50

Flannel Pajamas \$1.50

Dress Shirts 75c to 2.00

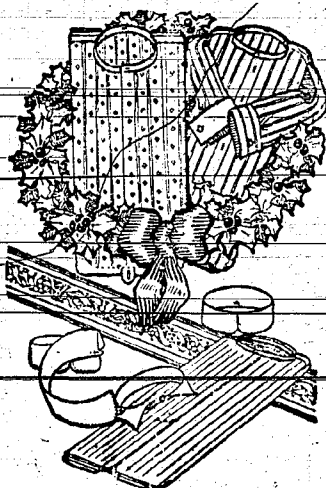
Silk Shirts \$3.50

Sweaters \$1.00 to 10.00

Handkerchiefs 10c to 50c

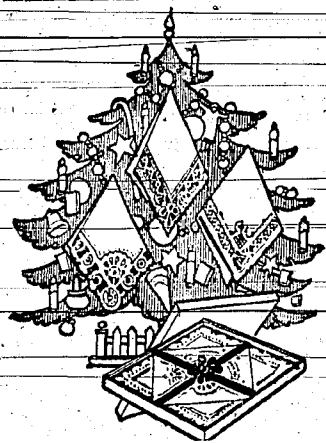
Flannel Shirts \$1.00 to 3.50

Mackinaws, Overcoats, Suits, Hats, Suit Cases and Bags



Don't Forget the Little Ones

A great variety of gifts to choose from. Knit Booties, Toques, Bonnets, Leggings, Sweaters, Bath Robes, Fancy Ribbons, Mitts, Underwear, Gowns, Felt Slippers, Girls' Coats and Dresses, Boys' Mackinaws and Caps. The best line of Shoes in the city.



The Gifts for Women

are numerous and very pretty

Our showing of Holiday Handkerchiefs is without doubt the largest in the city, ranging from 5c to 50c. Some are packed three and six in a box.

Very pretty Brassieres and Camisoles in silk and net, 50c to 2.50

Comfy Slippers for house or boudoir, \$1.25 to 1.75

Boudoir Caps 25c to 2.00

A beautiful line of Holiday Waists in silk and Georgette crepe

Bath Towels, Linen Towels

Bags and Purses, Powder Puffs

Pretty new Collars and Ties

Flannel Gowns, Muslin Underwear, Blankets and Bed Spreads

Fancy Aprons 25c to \$1.00

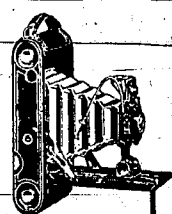
Any article purchased at this store that is not satisfactory can be exchanged any time up to January 1, 1918. We insist on you being satisfied

The CHRISTMAS SEASON of 1917



You must remember the kiddies, for what is childhood without toys? They are necessary to every growing child. They develop imagination and brain power and besides bring joy and entertainment. Yes, toys are a necessity, and that is the reason we have purchased heavily of this line.

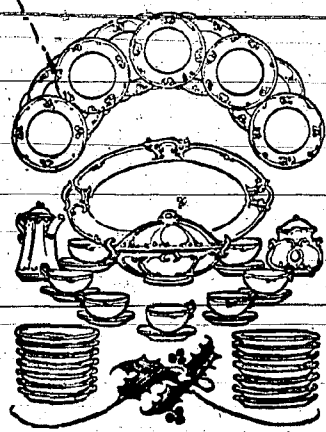
CAMERAS



Eastman Cameras and Kodaks and photo supplies. The finest cameras made.

FURNITURE

This is always an excellent gift—remember the home with a few choice pieces. We have a large stock in plain, leather and upholstered chairs and rockers. Dining and living room furniture, bedroom suits, and in fact nearly anything you may want in stock.



Chinaware

We take special pride in our line of Chinaware. Beautiful pieces and complete sets are awaiting your choice. Several open sets that may be duplicated in single pieces.

Books

The latest and best in good stories.

Toilet and Manicure Sets

For men and women. And shaving sets for the men.

Shaving Sets

The above are but a few of the hundreds of things we have to offer you this year and it will be necessary for you to call and see our stock in order to appreciate it.

Sorenson Bros.

The Home of Dependable Furniture
Grayling, Mich.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

NEW IDEA PATTERNS

"THE QUALITY STORE"

PHONE 1251

Local News

Merry Christmas to all our readers.

Buy a war certificate at Post offices or banks.

Mrs. A. Hermann is visiting friends at their former home in Onaway.

Mrs. Martha Hill is quite ill at her home with an attack of pleurisy.

Mrs. Claude Keyport and daughter Jane, went to Bay City Monday, for a few days.

Mrs. J. J. Love was called to Manistee yesterday by the serious illness of a sister.

J. W. Overton, of Flint, formerly of this place, was in the city on business the first of the week.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson returned home from Detroit, Monday after having spent a few days in that city.

Round Oak heating stoves and Round Oak Chief ranges. 11-1-1 F. R. Deckrow.

Prices on all hats are being reduced at The Hat Shop. A special line of children's hats, priced at \$1.00 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tromble leaves for Royal Oak, Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bradley.

Miss Maude Tetu came home from Bay City yesterday morning to spend the holidays with her mother and other relatives.

Fred Nairn has disposed of his general store business in Sigma and the family is moving to Lansing.

H. C. Schmidt, who has been confined to his home for the past five weeks with illness, is able to be up and around his home.

Skating rink open week days till 10 o'clock p. m.; Sundays from 2:00 to 6:30 p. m. Will be closed Christmas eve and all day Christmas.

Mrs. Wilfred Cohen of Detroit arrived in the city Tuesday to spend the holidays visiting her mother Mrs. Albert Kraus and other relatives.

There will be a Christmas tree Friday afternoon Dec. 21 at 1:00 o'clock at the South side school, to which parents and friends are cordially invited.

War savings certificates and thrift stamps should appeal to every person and affords a fine opportunity for the boys and girls to save money and at the same time help Uncle Sam. Secure them at post office or banks.

Wilfred Laurent, better known among his Grayling friends as "Dago," who was stationed at Camp Custer, was sent Wednesday of last week to Georgia with some troops. They are sent there to assist in the construction of aeroplanes.

The Charity ball, given under the auspices of the Mercy Hospital Aid society Wednesday evening of last week, for the benefit of Grayling Mercy Hospital was a splendid success. There was a large crowd present, and the affair netted the society about \$85.00.

RED CROSS NOTES

If you are a member of the Red Cross try to secure two new members before Christmas. Michigan wants 750,000. Every man, woman and child who gives it to the Red Cross.

Your dollar may buy the anesthetic and the surgical dressings that will save a soldier's life.

Join now, at the bank of Grayling, the bank of Frederic, or send your application to Mrs. O. N. Michelson, Grayling.

Put your service flag in the window on Christmas eve at 7 o'clock. Put a light behind it. Be careful of fire.

Proceeds of Saturday tea and sale of articles by the Girl Scouts club amounted to \$28.00. The school girls and young women of our community are doing splendid work for the county chapter.

The Boy Scouts are busy today distributing service flags. Every family having a number is entitled to one with a small cross for each additional member. If you do not receive one, call Mr. Zalsman.

Crawford county's total membership should be 800, or 20% of its population. Help us "over the top". Join now.

New line of heating stoves just arrived. Prices right. Open evenings. F. R. Deckrow. 12-20-17

You Have Tried The Best Now Try The Best.

Eat your Christmas dinner at the Allan Cafe. A fine dinner will be prepared suitable for the occasion, quick service, accommodating waiters and reasonable prices. ALLAN'S CAFE

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A Christmas Greeting

This being my fourth Xmas in your midst I wish to take pleasure in wishing you one and all a Merry Xmas; also to thank you for the courtesy shown me as a dealer trying to supply your wants and trusting that I have been of the greatest service to you.

FOR MEN AND BOYS

Men's Wool Sox actually worth 65c, for 45c.
One lot worth 75c and 85c for 65c, 2 for \$1.25.

Don't forget men's fleeced shirts and drawers, heavy, 55c each, 75c values.

Boys' Mackinaws, sizes 8 to 14, starting at \$2.98.

One line worth 5.00 and 5.50 for \$4.48.

Matches, six boxes for 25c.

Some of the better grades at \$5.50 and \$6.50 actually worth 7.00 and 8.00.

One line of men's Mackinaws at 8.85 worth 10.00 and 12.00.

One line at 9.85 and 10.00, worth 14.00.

A few sheep lined mole skin coats at a bargain, while they last.

Everything in my line of Graniteware 8c each.

Men's suits have been moving rapidly. It is the price that's doing it.

Men's Sox and Malone wool pants at nearly old prices.

One lot of men's gray sweaters, roll collars 1.59, actually worth 1.75 to 2.00.

One special line, extra heavy, \$3.98, while they last; good colors.

LADIES' COATS and SUITS

Ladies' Coats are down to about 50 in number. There is big reductions on all coats. Here is your opportunity.

Ladies' Suits in brown, blue, black, ranging in price from \$18.00 to \$35.00. All satin lined; latest styles; these will be sold at 25 per cent off and more on a few special numbers.

Ladies' Kid Shoes in black, brown, gray, high top, from \$5.50 to \$10.00.

Blankets! Blankets!!

Starting at \$1.48 and \$2.98. Special bargains.

Good Suit Cases at \$1.35.

Everybody is taking note of our ribbon sale.

Children's flannel lined underclothes, in union suits or separate pieces, in all sizes and prices, below those of today.

Men's Gloves and Mittens are moving fast, as these were bought before prices advanced and some carried over at 75c and \$1.00, actually worth 1.25 and 1.50.

Canvas Gloves two pair for 25c Saturday.

Don't forget to come to Frank's for your rubbers. I have them in all styles and colors, in noted straight line and other good makes.

Frank Dreese

The Lemon Colored Store opp. the Jail

WALL PAPERING and DECORATING

The latest and most approved designs for wall covering. Also all kinds of house painting.

EXPERT WORKMANSHIP

ORDERS PROMPTLY LOOKED AFTER

Conrad Sorenson

Painter and Decorator
Phone 611 Grayling

Catarrrh Cannot be Cured

with local applications, as they can not reach the seat of the disease. Catarrrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrrh conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O.
All Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

How Prevent Croup

In a child that is subject attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

Important Notice

Are you getting full value for your Hides, Furs, Wool, Tallow and Junk of all kinds?

In addition to prompt settlements by M. Levine & Co. on all shipments of furs, rubbers and other stock, you are assured and insured of Highest Market Prices. If you have anything in our line make a trial shipment and label it to Levine-Rubin & Co., and watch the standard of efficiency you will receive here. At present we are paying the following prices:

Beef Hides, No. 1...	\$19 per lb.	Mixed Rags.....	\$2.00 per cwt.
" " " " " "	" " " "	Rubbers.....	7.00 "
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SHIP ALL GOODS BY FREIGHT

References—Cheboygan State Bank
Cheboygan County Savings Bank
American Express

LEVINE-RUBIN & CO.

Cheboygan, Michigan

SHORTAGE IS SEVERE.

Sugar Plants Operate Only a Third As Long As Usual.

People of Bay City and the rest of Michigan who have been using sugar just as freely, or nearly so, as they ever did before war times, are due to receive a rude jolt says the Bay City Times-Tribune, unless they begin to help in the nation's plan of conserving the supply which is not only below the normal for this country, but which must be divided with our allies who are using it in a manner so sparing that, were Americans to be put on the same rations, they would think they had next to none.

The Michigan Beet Sugar Brokers' committee has sent warning to dealers, both wholesale and retail, that the supply is very limited and quoting some of the rules laid down by the Federal Food Administration. The letter is in part as follows:

"It now is, or should be, a well known fact that the United States government through the Food Administration has determined upon a forced reduction in this country as a war measure towards providing increased supplies for the Allies and our troops abroad.

"We quote from a letter dated November 17th from the food administration sugar distributing committee, Chicago:

"This nation is at war. Sugar is a necessity required to carry it to a successful issue. There is an acute shortage in the United States and throughout the world.

MUST NOT ADVERTISE SUGAR.
"The president in his message of Tuesday touched upon further price legislation with the remark: 'The law of supply and demand I am sorry to say has been replaced by the law of unrestricted selfishness.'

"Compared with many other sections of the country where consumers have been entirely without sugar for weeks at a time, or families have been limited to purchases of from one quarter of a pound to one pound per week, the Michigan-Ohio district has had nothing to complain of but unless prompt action is voluntarily taken by all wholesalers, retailers and consumers to economize with supplies received those who continue improvident must not expect any consideration from this committee.

"We wish to add that it is quite possible that the food administration may decide at any moment to draw from and thereby reduce this district's present supplies in relieving the acute situation in other sections preferred to.

"This letter should be given publicity direct and through brokers to the entire wholesale trade of Michigan-Ohio district and by them through their salesmen to retailers and thence to the consuming public. Also publicity in newspapers."

HAD NO SUGAR FOR WEEKS.
"That Bay City people don't know anything about the sugar shortage is shown in an incident which occurred in a local grocery. A man bought 10 pounds of sugar in the store and secured a box to ship it to his mother in New York city, saying that she had been unable to obtain sugar there for three weeks.

Later the purchaser told the grocer that when his mother received the sugar there was an immediate rush of neighbors who wanted to borrow it in tea-cupful lots, as none of them had had any for weeks.

LOCAL CAMPAIGN VERY SHORT.

Some idea of the sugar shortage may be obtained from the fact that this year is but a little over 30 days, while in other years it has been from 80 to 100 days. The Michigan Sugar Co.'s factory quits slicing beets today, the Columbia Co.'s plant here will run about a week longer and it is not likely that the West Bay City company will run more than a week or ten days. All of the other Michigan factories are having equally short campaigns excepting that at Owosso, but the Owosso plant has a long campaign only because the company has not operated its Lansing plant at all this season; all of the beets contracted for the Lansing plant having been sent to Owosso.

START IN ON RESTAURANTS.

"That the sugar bowl or shaker is due to disappear from restaurants and limited supplies will be placed before each customer, is the announcement which comes from the state food administrator.

A meeting will be held at Saginaw Sunday, of State Food Administrator Prescott, Restaurant Dictator Frank W. Sinks and L. C. Puffer, chairman of the hotel committee, and it is expected that this meeting will sign the death knell of the sugar bowl. Investigation has shown that a great deal of sugar is wasted in restaurants by people who put greater quantities into their tea or coffee than they need or use, and the cutting off of this waste is to be the first step taken in the state to limit the use of sugar, but that others are sure to follow shortly is almost certain, and this is likely to come in the form of limiting to a very small amount the quantity which each family may purchase at a time.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of these diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

Dr. Humphreys' Admirers.

The followers and admirers of Dr. Frederick Humphreys will be deeply interested in the New Edition of his Medical Manual just off the press. Telling how to care and treat the sick and ailing—mailed absolutely free on request, address Humphreys' Homeopathic Medicine Co., 156 William St., New York.

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, default having been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the twenty-eighth day of August, A. D. 1916, by Cora Stephan of the Village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, to the mortgagee, Mortgages unto Holger Hanson and Jane Hanson, of the same place, mortgagors which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, of Crawford County, in Liber G. of Mortgages, on pages 194 and 195, on August 30th at 2 o'clock p. m.

And whereas said mortgage has been duly assigned to Oscar Palmer, by assignment bearing date of the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1917, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, of Crawford County, on February 23d A. D. 1917 in Liber F. of Mortgages on page 543, at 3 o'clock p. m., and the same is now owned by him.

And whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is Ten hundred and fifty-nine dollars and seventy cents, principal and interest and the further sum of twenty-five dollars, as an attorney fee stipulated for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in chancery to recover the debt now remaining unpaid, secured by said mortgage where, by the power of said sale in said mortgage, as become operative.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be sold by public sale, of the mortgaged premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder therefor at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, Michigan, (that being the place where the circuit court for said county holds its fifth day of March, A. D. 1918 at 10:00 o'clock of said day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of section five (5) in township twenty six (26) north of range two (2) west containing sixty (60) acres of land. Saving two (2) acres more or less heretofore deeded to Daniel Moshor of the same place in Crawford County Michigan.

Dated December 11th 1917

Oscar Palmer

Assignee of mortgage.

Oscar Palmer

Attorney for Assignee.

Business Address, Grayling, Mich. 12-13-13

Notice by Purchaser Under Tax Sale.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per cent additional thereto, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, to-wit:

The Northwest (N. W. 1/4) fractional quarter of Section one (1), township Twenty-six North (26N), Range Three (3) West, containing 138.17 acres more or less.

Amount paid \$9.31. Taxes for 1913.

ADDISON M. DECOURNAYS.

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Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, to-wit:

The North half (N. 1/2) of Northeast quarter (N. E. 1/4) of Section thirty-four (34), Township Twenty-five North (25N), Range Three (3) West, containing 80 acres more or less.

Amount paid \$8.93. Taxes for 1913.

ADDISON M. DECOURNAYS.

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Situated in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to-wit:

The East half (E. 1/2) of Northeast quarter (N. E. 1/4) of Section thirty-four (34), Township Twenty-five North (25N), Range two (2) West. Containing 80 acres more or less.

Amount paid \$10.88. Taxes for 1913.

ADDISON M. DECOURNAYS.

Place of business: 2027 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Ills. 11-29-5

Notice by Purchaser Under Tax Sale.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described:

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Situated in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to-wit:

The East half (E. 1/2) of Northeast quarter (N. E. 1/4) of Section thirty-four (34), Township Twenty-five North (25N), Range two (2) West. Containing 80 acres more or less.

Amount paid \$18.38. Taxes for 1913.

ADDISON M. DECOURNAYS.

Place of business: 2027 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Ills. 11-29-5

State of Michigan.

The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, In-Chancery.

Nettle Hamel, Plaintiff,

vs.

Frederic Hamel, Defendant.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, In Chancery, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1917, at the Village of Grayling, in the said County of Crawford. It is satisfactorily appearing to the court by affidavit on file that a chancery summons has been duly issued out of and under the seal of said court for the appearance of said defendant, therein, and that the same could not be served on said defendant because that after diligent search and inquiry it could not be ascertained in what state of country the said defendant resides, or the whereabouts of said defendant learned, and that said chancery summons has been returned by the sheriff of said county with his certificate thereon endorsed that after diligent search and inquiry he was unable to find the said defendant within the state of Michigan on or before the return day of said summons, on motion of James B. Ross, attorney for said plaintiff, IT IS ORDERED, That said defendant, Frederic Hamel, cause his appearance to be entered in this cause within three days after the date of this order, and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the plaintiff's bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof served upon the plaintiff's attorney, within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said bill and notice of this order, and that in default thereof said bill be taken as confessed by said defendant.

And on like motion, it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date hereof, the plaintiff cause a notice of this order to be published in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county of Crawford, and that such publication be continued at least once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said defendant at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

And on like motion, it is further ordered, that the said plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be mailed to said defendant, at his last known postoffice address, by registered mail, and a return receipt demanded, at least twenty days before the date herein prescribed for his appearance.

Nelson Sharpe, Circuit Judge.

James B. Ross, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Business Address: West Branch, Michigan. 11-8-7

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For Piles or Hemorrhoids, External or Internal, Blind or Bleeding, Itching or Burning. One application brings relief. Price 25c, at all druggists or mailed. Send Free Sample of Ointment to

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SICK STOCK

BOOK on treatment of Horses, Cows, Sheep, Dogs and other animals, sent free. Humphreys' Homeo. Medicine Company, 186 William St., N. Y.

Manistee & N. E. R. R.

Time Card

In effect May 6th, 1916.

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